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# **Passports** for pets within two years

BRITAIN'S 100-year-old quarantine rules, the toughest in the world, are to be scrapped within two years for animals imported from rabies-free

Nick Brown, the Agricul-ture Minister, is ready to announce before Easter a move to a system of "passports for which identify animals by micochip and vaccine record. The checks could even be leted at one or two ports before the end of the year.

Eurotunnel has offered to set up a control centre at Coquelles, on the French side of the Channel, and officials from the Agriculture Ministry are

to visit the site soon, The change willbring partice ular joy to diplomatic and Service families as well as to



many expatriates living on the Continent.

The change will mean that for £150 a year plus £60 a year for follow-up vaccines and checks, owners will be able to take their pets on holiday to destinations in Europe, New Zealand and Australia. The border check is expected to cost about £20.25 per animal.

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Animals will also have to be checked by a veterinary surgeon 24 hours before re-entering Britain and to be treated for ticks and deloused. The present cost of six

months' quarantine varies between £1,500 and £2,000, but the law will remain in force for animals coming from Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and South America.

The Ministry of Agriculture is still analysing the position on North America and Canada and ministers intend to

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start negotiations with the Irish Government; without its agreement it is possible that anti-rabies controls would have to be maintained in Northern Ireland and residents there would not be able

The switch to pet passports is to be accompanied by a campaign highlighting pet owners' new responsibilities.

Mr Brown wants to implement the change to curb the smuggling of pets into Britain by owners who cannot afford. the cost or disapprove of confinement in quarantine. Officially there have been 800 animal-smuggling cases in the past ten years, but the Government believes thousands of owners are escaping detection. Tony Blair is backing the

change and is keen for Mr Brown to speed up its imple-mentation, but John Prescut. the Deputy Prime Minister, last week raised questions. It is understood he is concerned that the new controls will place extra burdens on airports and ferry companies.

Mr Brown, however, believes he can convince his Cabinet colleagues that the move is a sensible one, especially after the scientific case in favour of the microchip and vaccine was backed by an independent report to the Government by Proessor lan Kennedy, of University College London.

That report suggested that it would take three years to end quarantine and introduce passports, but Mr Brown believes that at most two years are needed to implement the change and to ensure that veterinary inspectors receive ade-

quate training. The move to pet passports can be achieved without primary legislation and Mr Brown is keen to push through an amendment to the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and other Mammals) Order, 1974.

tation on the issue has found that 90 per cent of submissions favour the proposed scheme. Last night, however, Lady

Fretwell, chairman of Passports for Pets, which has 10,000 members, made clear that she would not be satisifed with another two-year wait. We are desperate to hear news from Mr Brown," she said. "But if it is two years, we

shall step up the fight.
There is no justification for locking up another 18,000 animals over two years. When the tests are safe, and proven to be so, it would be morally disgraceful to go on locking up these cats and dogs."

More than 5,000 dogs and

to have pet passports.

A three-month public consul-

3,000 cats are confined to quarantine every year; 1,200 ani-mals have died in quarantine kennels in the past ten years.



# Balloonists bounce into the record books

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE spirit of William Boot was alive and well in Egypt yesterday as newsmen and the Breitling rescue team raced to find the two recordbreaking balloonists at their remote landing spot in the inhospitable Western Desert more than 350 miles from Cairo.

Undeterred by the fact that the Persian conqueror Cambyses managed to lose an entire army of 50,000 men in the neighbouring sands in 524BC. the hacks and the technical experts set out in a fleet of four-wheel-drive vehicles, at least one private plane

Ernie Wise

dies aged 73

Ernie Wise, 73, who with

Eric Morecambe became

one of Britain's most pop-

ular comedians, died yes-

terday in a Berkshire hos-

pital two months after a

heart bypass \_\_\_\_Page 3 Oblinary, page 23

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and even an Egyptian military air-craft, which charged its passengers \$1,000 (£615) for a window seat.

Buffeting winds and an impending sandstorm around the Pyramids at Giza destroyed the long-held dream of the British balloonist, the former caterer Brian Jones, of landing among the tombs of the Phar-aohs. Instead, the 9 tonne balloon bounced down 44 miles west of a flyblown oasis town called Mut (pro-nomiced Moot), an ancient Roman outpost which stood on an African

trade route at the time of Nero. Perhaps with the advantage of the whole area being full of military installations, it was an Egyptian military belicopter which eventually flew the two men to Cairo.

They touched down very gently, said Don Cameron, whose Bristolbased company manufactured the balloon. They were very close to empty on fuel. They had to land today. There was no question of going another night. It was very tight."

The balloonists originally tried to land on a desert road but as they were coming down, ice fell off the balloon and it rose, bouncing once more before coming to rest on soft sand about 15 miles from the road in a featureless moonscape where day temperatures often rise to 120F (49C)

Describing the landing, the flight controller Alan Noble said: "It landed at 6am GMT. We were with them. They made three attempts. We gave them five out of ten for the first attempt, seven out of ten for the second

and ten out of ten for the third. The balloon was undamaged."
In addition to the difficulties of the terrain, the press pursuers and the would-be rescuers had to face Egypt's notorious red tape which strangled efforts by Fleet Street's finest to hire a giant helicopter on offer from an adventurous Egyptian pilot

in Port Said. Mr Noble, assisted by his battery of computers, was first on the scene.

but was unable to land near the deflating balloon (a two-hour process) and put down on a strip at the oasis of Dakhla.

A Swiss camera crew who had been close to the project alleged that the Egyptians had scuppered their efforts to be on the spot to film the

spectacular landing. Reports reaching Cairo claimed that a four-wheeler, manned by a team from one tabloid newspaper, managed to get within ten miles of the landing site, only to run out of fuel and need rescuing themselves.

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# Milosevic gets last chance to halt conflict in Kosovo

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WITH Serb forces pounding rebel positions in Kosovo and Nato jets on just a few hours' alert, Richard Holbrooke, the American special envoy, will deliver one final warning to President Milosevic to halt his aggression or face a massive bombing onslaught.

Paul Sykes, who formed the Democracy Move-ment at the end of last Mr Milosevic has agreed to year, is selling large chunks of his £325 milthe meeting, due to take place this evening in Belgrade. In announcing the last-ditch effort lion business empire to oppose the curo and save yesterday, Madeleine Al-bright, the US Secretary of State, described his mission: sterling\_\_\_\_Page 8 We will make clear that Milosevic faces a stark choice: to halt aggression and accept an plot cover-up interim settlement with a A plot to kill Mussolini Nato-led force, or bear the full

responsibility for the consequences of military action." President Clinton's National Security Adviser, Sandy Berg-er, described the renewed fighting as localised but intense. There are roughly 40,000 Serb military in and around Kosovo poised for an offensive," he said. In Brussels. a Nato official said a situation of "appalling gravity" was taking shape and Nato was determined to prevent "an impend-ing humanitarian disaster".

The level of displaced civilians was approaching the numbers of last October when 250,000 ethnic Albanians were driven from their homes. The official said the alert for allied aircraft to strike after receiving the order to do so had been reduced from 48 hours to "a matter of just a few hours".

He added: "Everything is ready" - but on hold for Mr Holbrooke, whose last meeting with Mr Milosevic a week and a half ago ended without any commitments. He was leaving Washington last night

morning on his way to Belgrade for consultations with British and French officials.

His slender chance for peace requires him to persuade Mr Milosevic to negotiate seriously. The talks broke down last week after the Kosovar Albanians signed a peace and-autonomy package for the province, to be overseen by Nato peacekeepers. Serbs de nounced the deal as an "imposed solution". If the talks were to be reopened, only technical points could be negotiated, not the key provisions of the deal, the Nato official said

Mr Berger said Mr Holbrooke's task would not delay Nato's preparations, which was to make absolutely clear to Mr Milosevic that he can move to the path of peace or face punishment from Nato.

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one account. one big reason to change banks.

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# Nine-year-olds to be taught languages

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

MINISTERS are planning a classroom revolution to overcome Britons notorious reluctance to learn foreign languages. Next month's review of the national curriculum will include a oledge to introduce language reaching

from the age of nine. The last attempt to introduce French in primary schools was abandoned more than 30 years ago amid concern about the cost of training teachers and the unevenness of provision. But a successful experiment in Scotland has encouraged the Government to my again. An earlier start to foreign languages

was one of Tony Blair's first education

bour's election manifesto.

However, the revised cutriculum to be introduced next year is expected to see a reduction in the detail schools have to cover in the core subjects, leav-

ing room for innovation. There will be no immediate requirement to teach a foreign language but the programme will be phased in for the final years of primary education when the current literacy and numera-

cy strategies have taken root. English pupils begin to learn a for-eign language much later than their counterparts elsewhere in Europe. France introduced a compulsory pro-gramine in primary schools last year

proposals after becoming party leader. and Austrian primary schoolchildren But the subject did not feature in Lalearn two foreign languages. Several

countries begin the process at five. The national curriculum does not include a foreign language until the age of 11, when most children start secondary education. Only a short course is required beyond 14 and seven out of eight give up languages completely at 16.

Ministers believe that an earlier start would not only be effective but also popular with parents. Up to a third of primary schools offer some language teaching but most takes place in clubs, often at parerus' expense.

Timetabled lessons in primary schools are likely to be among the central recommendations of the Nuffield Languages Inquity, which is to report tary to the inquiry, said: "There is no conclusive evidence about what is the best age to learn a language but the worst time is in puberty, which is exactly when we do it."

The initiative is being championed by Charles Clarke, the Education Minister, who has met the inquiry team. His civil servants have been asked to devise a programme in time for a second term of Labour government.

Nigel de Gruchy, the general secre-tary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said last night "We would worry about the impact on a crowded curriculum but I doubt that the teachers are there to do this anyway."

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# Law lords set to overturn first Pinochet extradition ruling

JACK STRAW was forced yesterday to deny that his activities as a student disqualified him from deciding on the extradition of General Augusto Pinochet, the former Chilean dictator.

The Home Office rejected allegations that Mr Straw had met and shared afternoon tea with Salvador Allende, the president overthrown by Pinochet, while on a visit to Chile 33 years ago.
A spokesman also denied that
Mr Straw had demonstrated

against Pinochet's regime after the bloody coup of 1973. Friends of Mr Straw said both

claims, which surfaced in Sunday newspapers along with photographs of Mr Straw during the 1966 visit, were designed to destabilise the Home Secretary just days

before this week's House of Lords verdict on Pinochet's extradition to One source close to the Home

Secretary said: "This is clearly designed to put him in a difficult However Lord Lamont, the former Tory Chancellor who has been campaigning for Pinochet's

release, called for Mr Straw to make a statement to the Commons to clear up the matter. Mr Straw had previously taken legal advice on whether his visit to

Chile with a group of students to

build a youth hostel barred him

from assuming his quasi-judicial role in the Pinochet case. He was advised it did not.

The case will be back in Mr Straw's hands this week after a ruling by the law lords which will give a huge boost to the former dicator's case for freedom.

The seven law lords, the highest court in the land, are expected to rule that the former dictator cannot be extradited for alleged crimes committed before 1988. This was the date when torture became an extra-territorial crime under British law. At the same time, a majority of the law lords, led by Sir Nicholas

Browne-Wilkinson, the senior law

lord, is expected to uphold the case for denying the General immunity from prosecution for alleged crimes after that date.

As most of the allegations drawn up by the Spanish relate to acts in the first few months after Pinochet first seized power in 1973, the Spanish Government case for extradition could be fatally holed.

The long-awaited ruling - believed to run in total to some 200 pages with each judge giving his own reasons — throws a new perspective on the extradition wrangle.

The law lords originally ruled before Christmas that the former dictator had no immunity from prosecution by a three-to-two majority. But that ruling had to be set aside after it emerged that one of the ma-jority, Lord Hoffmann, had failed to disclose links with Amnesty International.

The second sitting over 12 days by a rare panel of seven law lords heard new evidence not aired before the previous panel of five which has been critical to their decision. The new arguments focused on the definition of an extradition crime: whether the crimes alleged were extraditable in law. The nub of the issue is whether the crime had to be one that was extraditable at the time it was committed both

in the foreign country and in the requesting state; or whether it is enough that the crime is now extraditable in the requesting state.

The law lords have decided to follow the reasoning of the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, who looked at the issue when it first came before the High Court. They have been persuaded of the argument that before 1988, no one could be tried in a British court for torture unless the alleged offence took place on British territory and no one could be extradited for a torture charge except to the country where the alleged offence took place. The second key point in their rul-

ing will be whether the General has Decision will anger Spain and is certain to prompt further legal challenges, reports Roland Watson immunity as a former head of state from extradition in respect of those crimes which the law lords decide are extraditable. On this they are believed to have decided that he does not although this then leaves a much smaller corpus of crimes to form the case for extradition.

The ruling on Wednesday will be a body blow to the case for extraditing the former dictator put forward by the Spanish government. It means that the go-ahead to extra-dite originally given by Jack Straw will have to be revisited. It is also certain to prompt a succession of legal challenges. If the Home Secretary gives the go-ahead to extradition, Pinochet's legal team will mount a fresh challenge.

# Benefit offices given access to tax records

By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BENEFIT offices are to be given unprecedented access to people's confidential tax records as the Government's drive against social security fraud moves up a gear.

For the first time, officers targeting suspected fraudsters will be able to carry out onscreen computer checks of the individual's tax, National Insurance and social security files. It will allow them to identify immediately people making multiple claims, or those lying about their circumstances.

Ministers hope the development will prevent fraud taking root in the first place, leading to a dramatic fall in the level of illegal social security claims, conservatively estimated at up to £4 billion a year.

One effect of the change is that the Child Support Agency will be able to deduct unpaid maintenance from absent fathers directly from their pay

Alistair Darling, the social security secretary, is to launch a strategy document titled Safeguarding Social Security in the coming weeks giving details of the new initiative.

He will say the move will help build prevention into the system rather than relying on officers detecting fraud once it

has already taken place. The Tories warned last night questioned the move. saying it amounted to a breach of privacy. Iain Duncan Smith, the social security spokesman, said: "People's rights over their own personal records are being eroded by this Government." And ministers are braced for a backlash from the civil liberties lobby as well as Labour backbenchers.

However, the Department of Social Security insisted that all the changes were being carried out within the terms of the Data Protection Act. A spokesman said: "We are not giving the information to anyone else and we are only using it to protect the system from fraud."

The breakthough comes with the merger of the Contri-butions Agency and the Inland Revenue, which takes effect from April 1.

A new generation of computer equipment is about to go on stream at the Department of Social Security, which will al-

low the on-screen data-match-

Although officers looking for fraud could cross-check previously, it involved a cumbersome paper-chase and was blamed for much fraud because it was immensely time consuming. Mr Darling made clear yes-

terday that he will use powers in the Welfare Reform Bill currently going through Parlia-ment to allow the Inland Revenue to supply information on absent fathers. It will allow the CSA to calculate what their payments should be and deduct it at source if they continue to contribute to their children's upbringing.

The change coincides with a simplifying of the formula for calculating liability. Mr Dar-ling will confirm in the coming weeks that absent parents will pay 15 per cent of their net income for one child, 20 per cent for two and 25 per cent for three or more.

The banding system replaces the current rules which requires 104 different pieces of information for the dues to be



French lessons for children at Trafalgar Junior School, Twickenham, show the way forward for the national curriculum

# French with fun and no tears

BY HANNAH BETTS

TRAFALGAR Junior School in Twickenham, southwest London, offers a shining example of the way language lessons can be integrated into the fabric of primary school life.

Despite its lack of inclusion in the national curriculum, French is taught at Trafalgar for 40 minutes a day from the age of eight. But the school takes a lateral approach to maximising its language opportunities; morning regis-ters, calendar work and weather charts are all used as opportunities to encourage children

to use their skills. French is made enjoyable with singing, videos, board games and picture exercises. and children welcome the subect as a break from more traditional lessons. Ten days the French illustrator Alexis Ferrier — a roving man of many talents with little English — who made them flex

their linguistic muscles while

writing a story for him to draw. For nine weeks every year the school welcomes a native French assistant.

The school started teaching French in 1994, inspired by Richmond LEA's positive attitude towards languages at pri-mary level. Richard Smith, Trafaigar's francophile deputy head, was the scheme's

We would welcome the inclusion of a language hour to Smith said. "Children of all abilities relish the opportunity to learn a language. Those with special needs gain a particular lot from it because of the emphasis on verbal skills - it can do incredible things for a child's self-esteem."

By the time children move onto secondary school they can discuss family life, moving about a town, parts of the body, the weather and time.

Initially, the school faced a degree of hostility from secondary schools in the area, jealously preserving their right to initiate children into language learning. However, largely been ironed out and Richmond secondaries are realising they can only benefit from an appetite for languages picked up at an early age.

# NEWS IN BRIEF Boy, 13, is beaten by loyalists

A 13-year-old Protestant boy was savagely beaten by a masked loyalist gang wielding baseball bars, making him one of Ulster's youngest victims of a punishment beating. The boy, who recently celebrated his birthday, was wandering with friends through his home town of Newtownards, Co Down, when he was singled out by a gang of men wearing baladavas. He suffered a broken arm, several broken fingers, cuts and multiple bruis- ( ing. A police spokeswoman described the assault, one of 50 punishment attacks this year. as "absolutely horrific".

#### Lorry drivers in tax rise protest

Around 700 protesting lorry drivers from all over the country are set to block London roads today despite a late offer by ministers to discuss vehicle tax rises. The protesters, from hauliers'splinter group Trans-Action, claim that overseas firms can operate lorries for one-third the cost.

### Tebbit call over Al Fayed ruling

Lord Tebbit appealed to Jack Straw yesterday to deny Mohamed Al Fayed British citizenship as he disclosed details of a £30,000 gift to his wife - crippled in the Brighton bombing - by the Harrods tycoon. The modified car had been passed bit had set up to help her.

#### Fight action for **Lennox fans**

A London law firm is planning to bring legal action on behalf of British fight fans who believe they were cheated because of the decision which denied Lennox Lewis from be-coming the undisputed world heavyweight champion. Almost 8,000 fans flew from Britain to New York.

#### Kennedy calls for library cash

Helena Kennedy, the barrister and campaigner for social justice, called on the Government to invest in libraries. Speaking on the eve of her lecture to launch the Orange Prize for Fiction for women's writing, she expressed despair that people were being deprived of part of community life.

### Three killed as

rare car crashes Three people were killed yes terday when a rare £640,000 McLaren Fl sports car crashed into a building on the Al20 at Great Dunmow, Essex. The car, which can reach 212 mph, exploded, killing the driver, Christoper Dawes, a

businessman; Fiona Newman.

35; and Michael Lamb.

# 'Master classes' for best comprehensive pupils

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MORE than 100,000 of the brightest pupils in inner-city comprehensives are to be offered "master classes" in neighbouring schools under plans to be announced today. Extra support will also be provided for those who are fall-

The initiatives will form part of a wider package de-signed to rebuild confidence in state education in urban areas. But teachers' leaders said last night that ministers were undermining comprehensive schools by creaming off the most able children.

About 450 schools in London and six other big cities will have access to the scheme. They will receive extra funding to run after-hours ension classes and will link with the growing network of specialist schools and beacon schools being developed as allround centres of excellence. Between 5 and 10 per cent of children will be selected for extra classes in each subject, including sport and music. In an extension of the "setting" principle which the Government encourages in compre-hensive schools, the high flyers will be chosen subject by subject to reach those who are talented only in limited areas.

The 300 existing specialist schools are already required to make their facilities available to neighbouring schools. Some offer master classes to primary school pupils, and collaboration with other secondary schools is growing.

The three-year programme, which will cost hundreds of millions of pounds, will be unveiled by Tony Blair, who is anxious to stem the flight of middle-class families from inner-city comprehensives. Mr Blair rejected his local compre-hensive schools in Islington, North London, for his own children and has said he does not blame parents in other areas for doing the same.

Estelle Morris, the School Standards Minister, who taught in a large comprehensive in Coventry, is to be given special responsibility for the rogramme. Professor Tim Brighouse, who has announced his intention of resigning from the government's standard taskforce, is also expected

to play a leading role. However, news of the scheme drew an angry re-sponse from most teachers' leaders. Nigel de Gruchy, of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "Modernisation is a euphemism for the backdoor reintroduction

of grammar school selection." David Hart, of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "The suggestion that they [the brightest children] can only get the education they need by using specialist schools is a totally unjustified slur on mainstream comprehensive schools."

# Tory plan to curb ministers' power

BY ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

RADICAL plans to strengthen the ability of MPs to hold ministers to account are being drawn up by the Tories to make Labour's "abuse" of Parliamentary procedure a central feature of the next general election campaign.

The proposals include a major upgrade of the role of select committees. The 30 or so committee chairmen would automatically become Privy Councillors and could receive a salary and possibly even a car from the public purse.

Committees would also be able to subpoena witnesses and hold ministers in contempt of Parliament if their answers fail to satisfy MPs. Both would be considerable extensions of their current power. Other ideas floated include stripping the whips of much of the power that currently allows them to minimise trouble

for the Government. One proposal would see the Speaker given powers over the makeup of Parliamentary committees to prevent the whips packing them with party loyalists. The plans for the Commons

are part of a wider blueprint for constitutional reform, including changes to the House of Lords, which the Tories will pledge to implement should they return to power.

# Council tax rise to average 6.8%

By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

COUNCIL taxes in England will rise by an average 6.8 per cent from next month, with residents of shire counties bearing the brunt of the increase, it will be confirmed today.

The cost to the average household will be an extra £51. although ministers will present it as an increase of "less than El a week".

 Labour will point out that its councils have a lower average rise at 6.1 per cent than Torycontrolled authorities at 7.6 per cent, although a direct comparison is difficult because of the small number of councils run by the Conservatives.

The news comes just days be-

its proposals for a new streamlined executive system of local government. The draft Bill will include measures to clamp down on the type of town hall corruption that has damaged Labour's image in a number of councils. Labour chiefs will move this

fore the Government unveils

week to suspend the local parly in Newark, where Fiona Jones quit as MP last week after being convicted of election fraud. Labour's national executive is expected to rule that regional officials take over the running of the constituency.

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# 'Ernie was the strength'

Stars say the brilliant comic was the anchor who

sought perfection for duo, writes Alex O'Connell

THE stars of stage and screen paid tribute to the exquisite skills and brilliant timing of Ernie Wise, who died in hospital yesterday.

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Among them were those who had appeared on the Morecambe and Wise show down the years and been the butt of jokes by the two comedi-

Des O'Connor, who was a riend of both in spite of suffering years of good natured ridicule, said: "At least now they are reunited. And knowing Eric, he will say, You're late

again."
He did not think Wise had received as much acclaim as he deserved. "Eric was the wit. he was capable of firing off a one-liner at you, but Ernie was the strength, he was the anchor. If Eric got lost, it was Ernie pulling him back, and righting the boat.
This was their secret, that

they were a great tearn.

The pair of them together provided the impact. They were average apart, together

superb. Where are we going to And another Morecambe and iserTo this day, when I get in a taxi, it's "You're not going to sing, Des, are you?"

"And I never saw them have a cross word, considering they were in each other's pockets. morning noon and night for Wise's long partnership



fat, hairy legs

with Eric Morecambe ended with his television partner's death from heart failure in 1984. Wise decided to launch a solo career rather than choose another partner as he could easily have done. In the early days of the act it had been Wise who dished out the insults and Morecambe who

took them. Bill Cotton, former BBC managing director of televi-sion, said: "When Morecambe and Wise were at the height of their fame and success there was no doubt in my mind that this was a 50/50 partnership. They were both as good as

tweet conventional and home-opathic medicine and possibly some understanding of essen-

tial oils. But the same could

not be said of younger chil-

It is the first time that Sooty,

made famous by his creator

the late Harry Corbett, has been accused of promoting

reckless behaviour. However in 1994 The Sooty

Show was warned by regula-

tors about product placement after Sooty videos were seen prominently displayed in a

shop scene in one of the epi-

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A Granada spokeswoman said that Sooty had moved part to play in one of the best and funniest double acts that

has ever graced the entertain-ment business in this country. "Ernie's search for perfec-tion was a main pillar of their success. The death of Eric Morecambe was a huge blow to Ernie and his wish to continue performing was often misconstrued as ambition for even greater fame.
"In fact, it was down to dedi-

cation and love of his work." Norman Wisdom, who had known Wise for many years. said he had been sure his friend would pull through. "I thought he'd make it. He was a brilliant comedian and most importantly he was such a

Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister and former actress, who appeared on the Morecambe and Wise TV show as Cleopatra, said-"I am very sorry that he has gone, he was a lovely man and a great performer."

The duo, whose Christmas specials became television claswon their audience's heart by making the most glamorous celebrities look utterly stupid. In the last decade a new generation of comedians fronted by Vic Reeves, who is seen to be Morecambe's post-modern successor has been influenced by their childish anarchy.



# So what do you think of it so far?

Morecambe and Wise's first television performance was in 1953 as an act on BBC's Variety Parade. Their first show, Running Wild, was panned by

The Morecambe and Wise Show began on ITV in 1961. There were 30 series on BBC and ITV and four Christmas specials.

Eric and Ernie would leave the stage dancing to their signature tune Bring Me Sunshine after a large wom-an had thanked the audience for

watching "her little show" or a man had played a mouth organ.

They were appointed OBE in 1976. The Queen Mother once asked Eric to teach her "the bag trick" where he caught an imaginary pebble in a paper bag.

The 1977 Christmas show on BBC attracted 27.5 million viewers, the alltime record audience for a programme shown on a single channel. It featured Elton John playing a song to the BBC

The conductor Andre Previn became known to a new audience of nonclassical music fans when he had an argument with the comedians over a Grieg concerto. Glenda Jackson, after playing Cleopatra in a 1979 spoof, won a part in the comedy film A Touch of

Class with George Segal. Michael Caine and Roger Moore refused to appear because they were scared they would get a ribbing.

Morecambe and Wise's catchphrases were "What do you think of it

so far?", "You can't see the join" lin reference to ill-fitting toupées, "He's the one with short, fat, hairy legs" [Eric on Ernie]. "Get out of that" |originally coined during a judo contest between

Ernie's favourite sketch was to Singin' in the Rain, because he got to be a little glamorous and remained dry while Morecambe was drenched

Peter Cushing still hasn't been paid for his performance.

# Sooty censured over medicine risk to children

CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

FTER a 47-year career free cine bottles found at home.Old-from controversy. Sooty the er children might have some glove puppet has fallen foul of grasp of the distinction bethe television regulators.

He and his co-stars, Sweep and Miss Soo, long regarded as three of the most inoffensive characters in children's entertainment, have been censured for portraying dangerous be-haviour which might encourage youngsters to dabble with

Viewers complained that in an episode of ITV's Sooty and Co the puppets were seen sniffing and playing with essential oil bottles that closely resem-bled medicine bottles. The show's presenters Richard Cadell and Liana Bridges were also seen swallowing ho-

moeopathic pills. Eleven complainants, two of whom were professional aromatherapists, claimed it was irresponsible to show the puppets opening what could have en interpreted as medicine tiles. They also protested that essential oils could be dan-gerous if misused — in undiluted form the strongest oils could burn the skin.

Granada, which makes the programme for ITV, argued that the intention had been to introduce children to the fragrances, not to encourage them to play with bottles. All the oils, the spokesman said, were clearly labelled in bottles that were similar to but not the same as medicine bottles.

However, it admitted that research had shown that some oil could burn the skin.

The Independent Television Commission upheld the complaints saying that the pro-gramme, in November last year, breached the section of the programme code which prohibits the portrayal of any dangerous behaviour easily imitated by children at times when large numbers of them The FTC, in its ruling, said:

"However well-intentioned the episode, the ITC considered it unwise to have shown characters playing with bottles that could easily have been con-



Brian Warren: checking

# Farmer is gored to death by angry bull

RESCUERS had to stand by helplessly for half an hour before they could recover the body of an elderly farmer who had been gored to death by an enraged bull As Brian Warren, 86, lay

tackling more contemporary issues such as homoeopathy. dead in a field at his farm, the Other television pro-grammes came under fire in 2,000lb beast stood over him preventing paramedics and the report for showing explicit sex scenes. Channel 5's docuambulancemen from going to his aid. They were able to drag mentary series Sex And Shophis body out of the field only af ping and ITV's Vice: The Sex Trade were both condemned ter the bull had been shot by a

Mr Warren, of Hall Farm, for their explicit sexual content, and Sex And Shopping: Fornham All Saints, Suffolk, which was aired beyond the is believed to have been in the 9pm watershed at 10.50pm on field checking for newborn lambs when he was attacked Channel 5, was condemned as unacceptably explicit for transmission at any time. by the five-year-old animal. His body was discovered on "The 13-part series, which be-

Saturday evening by his son Martin, 37, who was too distressed to talk about the gan in October, was preceded by a warning that it was "a frank look at the global porincident nography business". It drew The pair, who ran the 100 acre farm together, kept the bull in the field along with complaints from 11 viewers.

their suckler herd of ten cows with calves and 75 sheep. Sebastian White, 34, a family friend, said: "No buil is to be fully trusted and this one had a reputation for being cantancerous. Brian used to warn vis itors to the farm to be careful of it but he thought he could

handle it." He added: "Although he was extremely fit for his age, his eyesight was not what it was. Brian had been in the village for a long time and had farmed all his life. What he didn't know about sheep and cattle wasn't worth knowing."





# Julius quits Diana fund

Sooty: in hot water over

LAWYER Anthony Julius has stepped down as chair of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, it was announced yesterday.

He and his firm Mishcon de Reya were criticised last year when the fund was charged £500,000 in legal fees. Christopher Spence, Irustec and chair of the fund's grants committee is to take.

Diana's divorce settlement,

will remain a trustee of the way to carry forward the valfund, which he co-founded in September 1997, soon after the death of the Princess.

"I am proud to have been a founding trustee and chair of this fund, which has already committed over 15 million in grants and is now set to be a highly effective champion of charitable causes for many years to come, in the name of Diana, Princess of Wales," he

ues of her work. I am now pleased to hand over the chair of the fund to Christopher Spence, who has already been so deeply involved in developing the fund's policies for supporting charities and who has himself such a wide and deep experience of the voluntary sector and its requirements."

His law firm, Mishcon de

Reya, caused controversy last charged 500,000 in legal fees.

# Euphoria greets end of an epic journey

Pilots had to toast their success with a glass water, reports Helen Rumbelow from Geneva

"THE eagle has landed," was the long-awaited message that triggered whoops of relief. hugs and celebratory champagne in the Breitling Orbiter 3's control centre in Geneva at 6am yesterday.

"We're OK, bloody goud." said Brian Jones. His team responded with "Well done, chaps," before the phone line died. The pilots were left to "shriek with joy" and toast their success with cups of water as they took their first steps

on land for nearly 20 days. They had landed in the nick of time, having just a few drops of propane left after passing over the "treacherous sandy sea" of the Western Desert to firmer ground, 50 miles north of Mut.

Bertrand Piccard

ning of a new kind of life," for the pair, who had already been awarded the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee and been saluted by Tony Blair and the Queen before they were rescued by the Egyptian helicop-

It was the achievement of an "everyman" and gave everyone hope to pursue their dreams, said Joanna Jones as she waited for her husband to return to Geneva.

"He's my hero, but he is also a normal man who has proved that nothing is impossible." she said. "Neither of us have realised how big this is, the extraordinary feat hasn't sunk in vet, but Brian is the ideal hero as he will share it with everybody.





Joanna Jones, left, and Michelle Picard, whose husbands were the pilots, hear the news; and below, a drawing by Mr Jones's granddaughter Sophia

finishing line in Mauritania on Saturday morning, he told his wife, "I love you, I'm going to have a cup of tea." The wa-ter took 25 minutes to boil at

his altitude of 30,000 feet. In return, his wife said that she would rush up to hug him when they are reunited. She then asked him to shave off his beard, which she said made him look like a "Mexican ban-

new toy, unbearably excited and beaming all over his little face," she said.

Mr Piccard on Saturday thanked the "invisible hand" that guided them in their 46,759km tour of the globe. Mrs Jones said that the weather was so favourable that: "You have to believe it was their destiny." Mr Jones, she said, had

earned a hero's welcome on

deal of the cramped flight, which her husband had compared to three weeks spent locked in the back of an estate

"His time in the RAF gave him a professional approach. but this strength and resolve has come from deep within him," she said.

The worst of times were over the Pacific, when the men lost voice contact with the base for three long "dog days". The

control team was so anxious the pilots would be defeated that they sent them cheeful limericks as they passed key points of the journey. One of

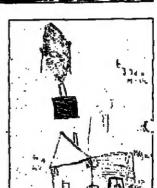
them read: There were two balloon pilots over the Pacific. Who said 'We really must be

With a record to break

We could do with a cake

"We had trouble trying to find a rhyme with Hawaii," said Mrs Jones.

Don Cameron, the balloon's designer, said that the landing was so gentle that the capsule would be in an almost pristine condition for its appearance in an aviation museum. The final resting place for the craft will be decided once it had been salvaged from the desert. "That



# Makers toast their team

CHAMPAGNE was flowing at the Cameron Balloon Team's HQ in Bristol yesterday after the history-making Breitling Orbiter 3 crew finally returned safely to terra fir-

An excited Nick Purvis. sales director for Cameron, who designed and built the balloon, said: "We are absolutely over the moon, totally elated. You just have to come down here to Bristol to feel

on the project are here celebrating, there's been lots of champagne flowing. "We have sent the guys our con-

He added: "The balloon landed first thing in the morning when the winds in Egypt are at their calmest. Landing such a balloon is not plain sailing the risk is part of the jour-ney. It's a big beast to bring

This was the third attempt by Breitling to circumnavi-gate the world in a balloon.

the first try was around 20 years ago. It has taken five years for the current team to beat the record. Mr Purvis said: "It's been a

long time to get to this end

This is the final great achievement, this is the last great achievement to be done. "It was so much down to luck. I'd say 60 per cent of these projects rely on luck and our guys have had a lot of luck on their side, but you

# Branson's olympic ideal

FROM HELEN RUMBELOW IN GENEVA

TO SHOW he is a good loser, Richard Branson will be in Geneva today to greet Brian Jones and Bertrand Piccard. The vanquished Virgin chairman will offer them champagne, congratulations and a challenge to take him on in a challenge to take him on in a round-the world balloon race. Mr Branson may not get

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There were rumbles of discontent at the Geneva control centre last night that his high-profile appearance may upstage

the triumphant duo.

The team fears that Mr Branson's public challenge to a race may undermine the Jones and Piccard celebrations. Mr Branson insists that he had the idea of a race before the others beat him to the coveted prize. Virgin is willing to sponsor the global race but

Mr Branson would like to see ballooning become an Olympic sport. His argument is that it is "a lot more physical than chess and is growing in

popularity all the time". Whether the Anglo-Swiss team is in the mood to answer its rival's challenge is in some doubt. One team member said: "The visit is unconfirmed this end. It's Brian and Bertrand's day. They are the ones that did it."

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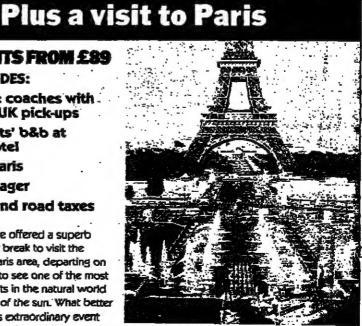
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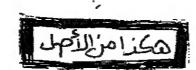
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# Now we are one with the angels'

High morale was shown by flying past the finishing line, reports Christopher Walker from Cairo

EVEN without any audience on the ground to greet them. the two balloonists were re--portedly in high spirits from the moment they touched

Bertrand Piccard jumped off the gondola and waved to the circling Breitling plane, while Mr Jones, 51, was more sub-dued in his initial expression of relief that the journey was

The pair's flight controller, Alan Noble explained that Mr Jones told him: "I am now going to get outside the balloon and I am going to have my first pee that is not in a bottle for three weeks."

The strength and morale of the circumnavigators during the closing stages of their 478-hour voyage was highlighted by their decision to continue their flight beyond the fin-ishing line for the round-theworld record that had eluded dozens of balloonists before

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silver balloon floated over Mauritania past longitude 9 degrees west on Saturday to complete the 26,000-mile plus non-stop navigation in some 40 days less than the fictional challenge originally envi-sioned by Jules Verne. There is already speculation that Hollywood is planning to dramatise the real-life journey.

Before landing, M Piccard, 41-year-old psychiatrist from a family famed for its adven-turing, thanked the "invisible hand," that guided the pair past storms and other setbacks in his third quest to circumnavigate the globe.

"We are very lucky and privileged to have succeeded in the first round-the-world trip," he said. We are having great difficulty realising our dreams have come true . . . we are with. Mr Noble said: "We have

had a lot of luck with our project. Everything has gone

landing was counted as another triumph for the unsung heroes of the world record bid, the team's meteorologists, Luc Trullemans and Pierre Eckert, wo were described by Monsier Pictard as "the link between

While Mr Jones's wife, Joanna, was with mission control in Geneva, Mr Piccard's wife, Michelle was in Egypt for the desert touchdown. Beforehand, she said: "I am very hap-py, but I will be completely ful-filled when I am reunited with my husband."





they first met the press on arriving in Mu in an Egyptian military helicopter yesterday afternoon. But they said they had been briefly concerned they would have to spend the night in the desert after a delay of eight hours on the ground - before they were picked up.
M Piccard said: "We spent a

few hours looking at the sand, sun, the sky. Very calm. Then we had to deflate the balloon and when everything was ok, we went to sleep in the gondola for two hours."

Mr Jones said that the first thing he wanted was orange juice, but he was served Coca-Cola in the VIP rest area at the airsuip before the men were flown to Cairo. Strong winds had made for a perfect landing, he added, but the balloon was "a bit of a mess."

"The winds tipped it over. and we had to run around the balloon with our knives to make holes to keep it from being dragged across the desert," he said. He had sprained his wrist punching holes in the balloon.

Mr Jones and his fellow pi-lot, sporting three week old beards and blue flight suits. said that what they most wanted was a shower. When the balloon first landed they had celebrated by washing their hair with water that had been frozen during the high-altitude

voyage.

The pair had been dozing when an Egyptian army air-place spotted them and despatched the helicopter to pick them up. On arriving in Cairo last night, Ms Piccard was reunited with his wife and three daughters.

Peter Jones said that he felt "deflated" after finishing the voyage, during which he and his Swiss co-pilot endured cold weather, altitude sickness and lived on rehydrated food dur-



Dawn landing of the Breitling Orbiter 3, a triumph for the team's unsung meteorologists

# **Space** suits and races on the next frontier

NO SOONER had the pilots touched earth than their rival adventurers were trying to find ways to push balloons to higher limits.

The future of this "sailing of

the skies" lies in going up to the edge of space, going it alone, or racing against a field that sets off from the same place under the starter's gun. A air race similar to the Whitbread round-the-world yacht race looked imminent, said Don Cameron, maker of the Breitling Orbiter 3, and the British delegate to the ballooning regulators, the Fédération Aeronautique Interna-

He now believes in an almost boundless potential after seeing the sport revolution-ised in the past 30 years. "In the 1960s, I predicted that maybe you could get a balloon to fly for as long as nine hours,

Five years ago, the FAI realised that the round-the-world challenge was within balloonists' grasp and drew up the rules. "The Great Race" was expected to begin next year.

Andy Elson, whose Cable and Wireless balloon attempt failed two weeks ago, wants to take a traditional basket balloon higher than 46,000 metres, while wearing a space suit at an altitude at which any leak would burst a head open. No human has been above 34,688 metres in a balloon, a record set in the 1960s.

The final challenge is the solo flight around the world. This had been the aim of Steve Fossett, the American millionaire. He set two distance records by flying alone in an unpressurised balloon.

He abandoned this last summer, admitting that the projects foundered partly because of the stress caused by being deprived of sleep for



# Anti-Mussolini plotter was protected



Mussolini: 1931 plot to

A LONDON businessman's plot to kill Mussolini was covered up by the Home Secretary and the Metro politan Police because of his friendship with the first Labour Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, documents released by the Home Office have shown

The 1931 assassination attempt masterminded by Emidio Recchioni. an Italian-born Briton who ran a delicatessen in Soho, was closely monitored by Special Branch and MI5 but their knowledge of his plans were deliberately kept under wraps. The authorities kept quiet even when Recchioni sued successfully for libel against a national newspaper that named him as a plotter, for fear that a trial would prove

Mark Henderson on a Prime Minister's links to a man who tried to kill Italian leader

embarrassing to MacDonald and his Government. He was never arrested either, for the same reason. The Home Office file, which was originally marked to be closed until 2035, was uncovered by Alfio Berna-

bei of History Today magazine, which reports it in full this month. Recchioni, who was born near Ravenna in 1864 and arrived in England in 1899 after a failed attempt to kill the Prime Minister, Francesco Crispi, was friendly with an array of prominent left-wing and intellectual figures of the 1920s and 1930s, including George Orwell and Sylvia

His shop, King Bomba at 37 Old Compton Street, became known as a centre of anti-fascist agitation after

Mussolini's rise to power. Rumours that Recchioni was plotting to assassinate Mussolini began to circulate in 1929 and in 1931 he travelled to Brussels to meet Angelo Spardellotto, an Italian anarchist who volunteered to kill Mussolini if provided with weapons and enough cash. Recchioni, who was being shadowed by Special Branch agent J O'Reilly, appears to have done both. Spardellotto was later arrested in Rome in possession of two bombs and a loaded revolver, and confessed to meeting Recchioni on several occasions in Brussels and Paris to plan the killing. A Home Office inestigation concluded: "It seems likely that he (Recchioni) is in fact the person who supplied the bombs."

Despite this, Reochioni was not ar-rested, and when The Daily Telegraph quoted Italian sources naming him as an assassination plotter, he sued for damages to his reputation as a "virtuous man". Though testimony from Colonel Carter, the Special Branch agent who moni-tored Recchioni. could have turned the case in the newspaper's favour, he was prevented from doing so by

Lord Trenchard, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, and Herbert Samuel, the Home Secretary.

Trenchard wrote to Samuel: "The DT have applied to Colonel Carter to know if he can help them, but we told him the only possible reply is that he has no evidence he can give." Later, he wrote again. "It is unfortunate that Recchioni may get damages out of the DT, but I do not see how it can be helped." Recchioni did get damages, of £1,177, after reportedly spending just £35 on Spardellot-to's bombs. He died two years later, while in Paris for medical treatment. Trenchard and Samuel almost cer-

tainly covered up Recchioni's involvement because of his sensitive links to MacDonald, the papers suggest. Reports from the Italian Secret Police describe his "personal friendship" with the Prime Minister, and Labour's rise to power was without doubt of benefit to him. Until 1929. the Home Office, advised by Colonel Carter, had blocked his attempts to become a naturalised Briton; the Special Branch agent described him as "an intriguer of the first order".

That all changed when MacDonald reached Downing Street. Rec-chioni was naturalised "in spite of a bad report", under pressure from the Home Office. Carter would have had to reveal this under oath had he testified in the libel action.

# Sex-book rabbi lists God's top ten tips for dating game

THE rabbi who aroused con-troversy with his book Kosher Sev is promoting a new guide to dating: the Ten Command-

ments. Rabbi Shmuley Boteach says that the biblical code contains as much practical guidance for lovers as any number of self-help books proliferating

on bookshop shelves. He resigned from his North London synagogue after his book caused a storm in the Orthodox community. He asserted that sexual attraction and gratification were essential for a successful relationship. No one expected to marry a virgin these days but sex should come later rather than sooner in a relationship, he added.

In his next book, Dating Secrets of the Ten Commandments, he says that many men are highly sexed and want to have intercourse as often as possible, which is why American ran music referred to them as "dogs" that like "dogging" all day long. But he goes on to argue that such behaviour is not the answer to lasting relationships.

In the new book, subtitled Keep Taking the Tablets and Find Your Perfect Soulmate. he says the Ten Commandments contain the answers to self-control and lifelong love within a relationship. Rabbi

Ruth Gledhill

on why the Bible is being quoted as the best manual

for lovers

Boteach, 32, who is married with six children, says: "We should all be looking for soulmates, for someone who fills out existential vacuum. "There is a profound miscon-

ception about religion today. The Ten Commandments are seen as a moral code given by a law-defined God to a lawless people in the wilderness," he writes. They should be seen instead as the rules of a relationship between God and his Rabbi Boteach, whose par-

ents divorced when he was eight years old, said: "The Ten Commandments are the most famous guide to living ever devised. They lend themselves to the rules of relationships."

For example, the second commandment, forbidding people to worship any other God, is about the importance of putting a wife or husband first. To be the one and only is essential in any relationship," he says in the book, to be published in May.

Rabbi Boteach, who was the runner-up in the 1998 Times Preacher of the Year Award, works for Oxford's L'Chaim society, a Jewish student organi-

He points out that according to Jewish tradition, everyone has a predestined soulmate. Some rabbis believe that an angel, Achzariel, decides who will marry whom even before they are born, while others believe that souls are divided into two in Heaven before birth and that the two halves are placed in a man and a

The Jewish wedding ritual. he says, is based partly on the revelation of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai, which are found in the Old Testament books of Exodus and Deuteronomy. The groom waits under a

wedding canopy, reflecting how God was up the moun-tain before the Jewish people, waiting there for them, and using the mountain to protect them, according to Jewish tra-

☐ Dating Secrets of the Ten Commandments. Hodder & Stoughton (to be published on May 6 at £6.99)



Rabbi Boteach says happiness in the bedroom must be based on "the most famous guide to living ever devised"

Rabbi Boteach's interpretations: I am the Lord thy God: "If a man says to a woman 'I love you but my job comes first, she will not be interested.

2. Thou shalt have no other God but me: To be the one and only is essential in any relationship.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: "Having enough confidence not to swear or tell lies about

4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it

A NEW READING OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

holy: "A relationship needs sacred moments cordoned off from the rest of life." 5. Honour thy father and mother: "Ceasing to show gratitude is death to a

Thou shalt not kill: "You can destroy a fe but you can also destroy someone's self-confidence by being critical."

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery: "This is about abuse and misuse of sexuality." 8. Thou shalt not steal: "A person's most important possession is their heart."

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness: Keep your promises and never say something in a relationship that you cannot

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods: "So many people feel there is some-thing better out there. This is about contentment."

# Irvine bias claim goes to tribunal

By FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, will be accused of race and sex discrimination today in an unprecedented tribunal claim.

The action against him has been brought by two women solicitors over the appoint-ment in 1997 of Garry Hart as his special adviser. Mr Hart who was a partner with the City law firm Herbert Smith. is a friend of Lord Irvine and godfather to one of Tony Blair's children.

Jane Coker and Martha Osamor, claim that the Lord Chancellor discriminated against them in that he did not advertise the post and that they were therefore unlawfully deprived of the chance of ap-

plying for it.

Lord Irvine is not expected to attend the hearing - a matter which lawyers for the two women may argue shows contempt for the tribunal. They will argue that the appointment is in breach of the EU equal treatment directive as well as the Sex Discrimination and Race Relations Acts.

Lord Irvine's case is that there is no discrimination: that the appointment was made because the Lord Chancellor had confidence in Mr Hart based on his knowledge of his qualities and experience.



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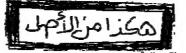
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HALL OF SHAME

THE chemicals giant ICI heads a "Hall of Shame" of 20 companies that are the most flagrant polluters in England and killing birds, fish companies that are the most flagrant polluters in England and Wales, the Environment Agency will announce today. Five water companies, led by Wessex, also feature in the list, along with the oil companies, Shell IIK several construc-

ny Shell UK, several construc-tion and waste management companies and the nuclear fu-els firm BNFL.

The list is aimed at shaming industry into doing more to prevent toxic and hazardous chemicals seeping into rivers, underground aquifers and lakes, and is being used by the agency to demand tougher fines for polluters.

Ed Gallagher, the agency's chief executive, said yesterday: Tough action in the field needs to be matched by tougher penalties being imposed by the courts. The

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cys concern. The Cartie Energy corepany was £18,000 successfully pros-ecuted for illegal-ly keeping and disposing of thousands of tonnes of control-led wastes on sites in Burnley and Coine. The firming caved and Coine. The tipping saved the company an estimated \$180,000 but it was fined only £21,000 with £1,600 costs in court in November last year.

shameful company on the agency's list is based on three incidents. In March last year the company was fined £300,000 for polluting ground-water at its site in Runcorn, Cheshire, with 150 tonnes of chloroform.

In June it was fined £80,000 for the accidental release of 56 tonnes of trichloroethylene, a cleaning fluid, at the same site, some of which contaminated the nearby Western Canal. ICI was also fined £2,500 for allowing 200 tonnes of naphtha to

and plants.

In second place on the table is Tyseley Waste Disposal, which was fined £95,000 last year for losing two "radioactive sources" during demolition of an incinerator.

London Waste was fined £38,500 for burning unauthorised waste and for failing to comply with an enforcement notice. Other waste companies shamed in the report are Alco Waste Management and Caird Environmental

Archie Robertson, the Envirooment Agency's director of operations, said that it was of particular concern that waste management firms were flouting the laws because "after all, they are meant to be there m clean up the envi-

ronment. Wessex Water was prosecuted five times last year and fined £36,500 mostly for sewage pollution. It was fined £15,000 in April from its Trowbridge treatment works entered

the River Bliss, killing more than 5,000 fish. Other firms in the hall of shame include Anglian, North West, Welsh and Severn Trent. Shell UK was

fined £20,000 in October for polluting the Manchester Ship Canal with 140 tonnes of oil from its manufacturing complex in Elisemere Port. BNFL was fined £20,000 for breaking discharge conditions cover-ing non-radioactive trade effin-ent from its Springfield site in Preston into the River Ribble.

The hall of shame, which from environmental groups. Friends of the Earth agreed that fines were "pitiful". "ICI. who came top of the list, were fined less than 0.15 per cent of profits," the group said. Graham Setterfield, of Wa-

ter UK, which represents the water industry, said that nearly EL5 billion had been spent over the past ten years in reducing pollution.



The male peregrine falcon swoops on its mate, perched on a ledge of the church spire. Food is plentiful here



A rare photograph of falcons mating in urban Britain

# Falcons find a city sanctuary

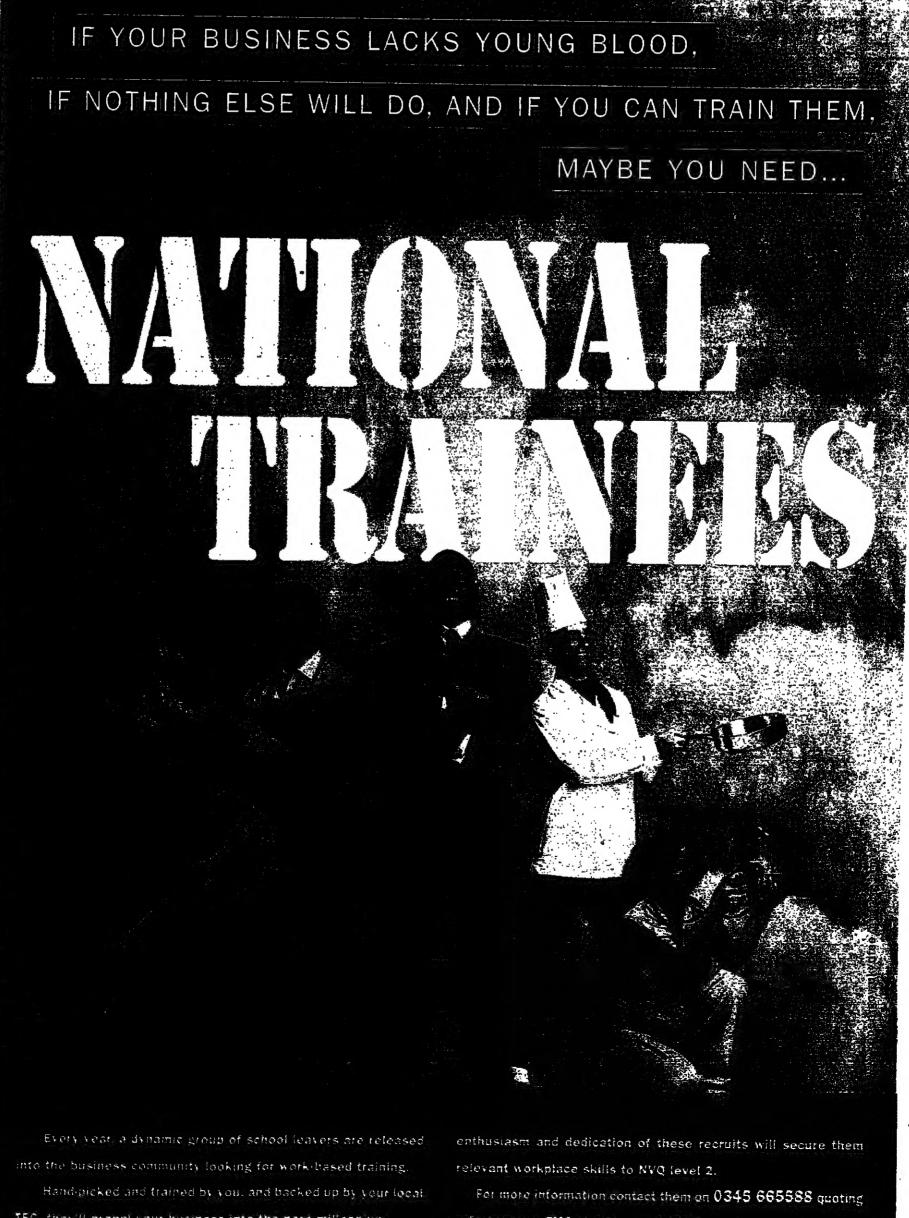
THE noise and bustle of a city centre has proved no deterrent to a pair of peregrine falcons that has nested on a church spire in Bath - lured

there by the plentiful pigeons.

Peregrine falcons normally
prefer high, hidden, locations like cliffs and quarries. As their numbers continue to ex-pand after falling to a few hun-dred pairs in the Fifties and Sixties, they are obviously be-ginning to push inland. St John's Roman Catholic Church with the best beauty Church with its height and flocks of prey is clearly an ide-

span, in an inner city is rare. Graham Elliot of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday: "I have

not heard of photographs like this being taken."
Phil Hurrell, assistant pro-ducer of the BBC's The Life of Birds series, said: "It shows they have conquered their fear of humans. Obviously they are adapting themselves to our environment. Towns and cities are ideal for them. Buildings suit them as nesting sites and there are lots of





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# Spending a fortune on sterling

Paul Sykes turned £170 into £325m.

But he does not want that turned into euros, writes Philip Webster

ONE of Britain's wealthiest men is selling off large chunks of his £325 million (£486 million) business empire to oppose the euro and save ster-

Paul Sykes, who formed his Democracy Movement at the end of last year, said yesterday that he was pulling out of business to engage in what he called "the biggest fight of all - the campaign to keep our de-

He said that he was willing to spend "what it takes" to build a mass campaign to collect and distribute information about the effects of the single currency. He is ready to sink at least £20 million (£30million) of his personal fortune into what he said would be a marathon fight.

Mr Sykes, 55, wants to expand his organisation, which was formed by merging his Euro Informa-

tion Campaign with the rem-nants of Sir I could not Goldlive with smith's Referenmyself if dum Party, into a popular movement. It is not a we lost our political party and will not put ability to up candidates at elections. But it govern? will spend the years leading up

in 2001 or 2002 countering what he said would be the "deluge of one-sided information" from the Government and

After the Neill report on political funding, the Governamount that parties and individuals can spend in the referendum campaign. But that does not apply to Mr Sykes and his team. Literature will be sent to eve-

ry home and there will be newspaper advertisements and videos. There will be a succession of "Democracy Days" to highlight what Mr Sykes sees as the threat of the euro to Britain's ability to govern.

He will include the trade unions in his campaign, because he believes that members are not getting the full information from their leaderships. The Democracy Movement

has attracted 65,000 members and has headquarters in London and 165 branches.

"I want to expand that to 2,000 to 3,000 branches," Mr Sykes said.

Mr Sykes said that after 38 years in business - he began with £170 (£254) and his wealth is put conservatively at E325 million (6486 million) — he wanted to devote all his energies to a cause he believed in more than anything else.

"I have had a successful business life but I could not live with myself if we lost our ability to govern, which is what the single currency means, without putting up the best fight I can muster against it." he said.

He said that he had tried to achieve his aims through the Conservative Party. At the last election he spent £1 million (£1.50 million) backing more than 200 Tory

> that the "leadership made the mistake of listenseltines" and he had given up hope that it would oppose in

principle the sin-gle currency. There is now no political party that is prepared to tell the British people what is being done in their name. The Tory position means that they are saying they might join at some future stage."

Mr Sykes, who is married with four children, has huge property and technology interests and owns 40 per cent of a big shopping centre near Shef-field. "I am already diluting my commitments but I will be selling the majority of my assets and giving up all my executive roles," he said. He added that his family fully backed his decision.

He is holding talks with the other organisations, such as Business for Sterling, that are pledged to oppose the single currency and will shortly have discussions with Lord Owen. leader of the all-party New Eu-



Mr Sykes is prepared to spend £20 million sending leaflets to every home and expanding his Democracy Movement from 165 branches to 3,000

# Tycoon buys into a new kind of scrap

Mark Inglefield profiles the pound's new champion

PAUL SYKES does not have the dash and glamour of the late Sir James Goldsmith, the last tycoon to finance a campaign against the euro, but few would deny that he has the spending power and the passion to continue his work. Now 55, Mr Sykes is Brit-

ain's 67th richest man with an estimated fortune of £325 million. His success is a classic rags-to-riches tale. The son of a Yorkshire miner, he left school at 15 without a single O level and was told he would never amount to anything. His first foray into business

came two years later when he sank his savings into a compa-ny that broke up buses for

ing buses to the Third World. During that period of his life he fondly recalls reading about the Beatles, who were then earning £1,000 a week. At that time he was 24, a millionaire, and drove a Rolls-

The core of his fortune is a mixture of interests. In the 1970s and 1980s he invested heavily and profitably in out-of-town retail and office parks, the largest being Shef-field's Meadowhall complex. More recently he entered

the burgeoning Interpet sector. He recently sold his stake in Planet Online, the biggest internet provider in the busi-

He is also behind the Freeserve internet service offered by the retailers Dixons.

But he has long since tired off the trappings of wealth, and the yachts and private jets have all been sold and he has begun simplifying his life-style. He let go of his 17th-century manor house and now lives in what he describes as a small cottage in Yorkshire. Mr Sykes does not smoke

or drink, be buys his clothes from Marks & Spencer and he abhors frivolous spending.

Like many self-made, men he does not believe in inherit-ed wealth, and intends spend-ing the bulk of his on environ-



James Goldsmith: also fought against the euro

mental and wildlife projects before he dies: Mr Sykes sent three of his four children to state schools because he feared that private

Nobody could doubt his commitment to the anti-single currency cause, given that he has already pledged £20 million to the Democracy Move-

Before going out on his own, Mr Sykes had been a supporter and major donor to the Conservative Party. He withdrew his support from the Tories after becoming disillusioned with John Major's wait and see" approach to the monetary union and stood down as the Tory candidate

for Barnsley Central. He has since spent more than £2 million on anti-EMU advertising and on backing Tories who campaigned on a Eurosceptic platform.

# NEWS IN BRIEF Killers may have sought have sought diamond

Robbers who stabbed to death a wealthy jeweller and his wife may have been seeking a rare diamond that the couple are thought to have owned it emerged yesterday that one of Mohammed Karim's sons had been attacked three years ago by criminals who were in-terested mainly in the dia-

mond. The bodies of Mr Karim. 52 and his wife. Bilquis, 48, were found in their shop in Preston, Lancashire on Friday. Their killers had left behind jewels and gold worth thousands of pounds.

#### Reserve burnt

Two thirds of the 340-acre Rosenannon Bog and Downs site of special scientific interest was damaged by a suspi-cious fire at the weekend. The site, near Wadebridge, Corn-wall, is one of Britain's most important wildlife reserves.

#### Eurostar delay

Hundreds of Eurostar passen gers travelling from Paris were stranded for about 80 minutes when a train broke down after emerging from the English end of the tunnel. Other services on the line were dis-rupted for some time.

### Dog attacks boy

A mongrel that attacked Mitchell Howard 3 near his Mitchell Howard, 5 hear inshome at Cannock, Stafford-shire, has been put down. Mitchell's mother, Jan, fought off the dog but it seriously in-jured the boy, who could need plastic surgery to his face.

#### Zoo sanctuary

A £1.2 million enclosure for animals at risk of extinction is to be opened on Friday at Jersey Zoo on its 40th anniver-sary. The enclosure will initially house South American Andean bears, short-clawed otters and ring-tailed coatis.

# Baby abandoned

A new-born baby has been found abandoned in a box in a shopping areade in Leicester. The boy, just hours old, was taken to hospital, where his condition was said to be stable. Police appealed for his

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# USS Churchill set to sail

BY MICHAEL EVANS

NEXT month Sir Winston Churchill will become the first Englishman since the 18th century to have an American war-

ship named after him. The USS Winston S Churchill, an Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer, is to be launched on April 17 at Bath in Maine. Sir Winston's daughter, Lady Mary Soames.

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, will also

with an advanced anti-submahawk cruise missiles and Harpoon anti-ship missiles.

stroyer after Churchill was made in 1995 by John Dalton. then American Navy Secretary. Mr Dalton said that Churchill had made "celebrated accomplishments as a polifi-

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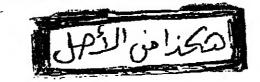
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# Genius is in the mind of us all

THE ability to perform astonshing artistic, musical or mathematical leats is something we are all born with, ac-ording to scientists who have made a study of creativity and the unconscious workings of the brain.

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But only those whose brains cannot see the bigger picture such as mathematical savants, who are often autistic retain the ability to make extraordinary mental leaps, say Allan Snyder and John Mitchell of the Centre for the Mind at the Australian National University in Canberra.

in a new interpretation of the powers of savants, they argue that such rare people have access to a world of unconscious information denied to the rest of us. Rather than savants having special powers, as others have argued, they claim that the same powers exist in everybody's brains but only those with a rare abnormality can access them. That unconscious operation

of the brain can explain why sleeping on a problem often leads to a solution, Professor Snyder says. "Creative leaps often follow long incubation periods when we are not even aware that our brains are working on a problem" he

"Understanding how this

Nigel Hawkes

on a report that says creativity is in all of us,

if we could only tap into it works could lead to huge in-

creases in creativity."
Savants have long been a puzzle to philosophers and scientists. The feats they can perform are remarkable. They can multiply large numbers to gether in their heads or work out cube roots; children as young as three can produce remarkable drawings, or repro-duce accurate sketches of entire buildings after a single glance. Musical savants possess perfect pitch, found in

only one in 10,000 people.
Yet such people are often crippled by autism, a psychosis that prevents them relating to other people. And although mathematical savants may be able to calculate fast, they find it extremely difficult to learn even the simplest of mathematical concepts.

In Proceedings of the Royal Society B. Professor Snyder



Dustin Hoffman, right, as the autistic brother in Rain Man

# bone disease

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

for the bone-thinning disease. osteoporosis have been discovered by a brotechnology company based in Seattle.

Nand Baindur of ZymoGenetics told the American Chemical Society meeting in Anaheim, California, yesterday that three new chemicals had shown the ability to encourage bone growth in animal trials.

Existing treatments, including the use of oestrogens, mostly act to decrease bone loss. Our new bone-forming agents may have better and more widespread utility for freatment of osteoporosis." Dr

Baindur said. Bone undergoes a continuous process of remodelling, with old bone disappearing as new bone is created by cells called osteoblasts. Osteoporo-

POTENTIAL new treatments sis is caused by bone loss that is not renewed. The result is a loss of bone mass and increased risk of fractures, especially in older women.

Attempts have been made to encourage new bone growth by injecting proteins to stimulate the osteoblasts. But Dr Baindur said that clinical trials had been mostly inconclusive or unsuccessful and that the treatment was expensive. The chemicals discovered by ZymoGenetics, which is wholly owned by the Danish group Novo Nordisk, are mexpensive and can be taken by mouth.

Dr John Fordham, consultant rheumatologist at South Cleveland Hospital in Middlesbrough, said that any new drug that was simple to use, safe, and increased bone growth would be welcome.

and Professor Mitchell say that in a normal brain the underlying arithmetical opera-tions are overlaid by conceptual processing that obscures them. Savants are often autis-tic, which means they lack that ability to conceptualise, so unconscious information comes through to them unsified.

They suggest that drugs might allow normal people to tap their unconscious and match the feats of savants. There is evidence that savant skills have followed an illness, a major operation, or a neardrowning - reinforcing the be-lief that savant skills are innate in us all .-

More interesting, Professor Stryder thinks, is the possibility of increasing creativity by encouraging the unconscious processes of the brain. "The mathematician Poincaré spent six months thinking about a problem, then the answer came to him one day as he was getting on to a bus." he says.



Cesare Alessandro Scaglia by Van Dyck, worth £9.45m

# £9m Van Dyck portrait is left to the nation

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the greatest portraits by Van Dyck, a £9.45 million masterpiece that the 17th-century artist painted at the height of his fame and power. has been saved for the nation. The full-length portrait of Cesare Alessandro Scaglia. Abbé of Stafforda and Mand-

anici, by Charles I's court painter, has been accepted by the Government in lieu of inheritance tax. made today by Alan How-arth, the Arts Minister, on the

400th anniversary of the artist's birth.

The painting, which has been on loan to the National Gallery since 1996, has been left by the estate of the 2nd Viscount Camrose, the newspaper baron who died in 1995 at

the age of 85. Its fate after Lord Camrose's death had particularly worried the art world, which feared that it would leave Britain after being auctioned. Last summer the contents of Lord Camrose's house, Hackwood Park Estate in Hampshire. were sold off at Christie's after his younger brother. Lord Hartwell, executor of the estate, said that it was too expensive to maintain: some 1,700



Lord Camrose: painting left in lieu of tax

items fetched about £7 million, distributed to nearly 70 beneficiaries.

The Government is to lend the portrait to the Koninklijk Museum in Antwerp and the Royal Academy of Arts: they are collaborating on a major Van Dyck retrospective that comes to London this September and whose patrons are the Queen, and King Albert II and Queen Paola of Belgium.

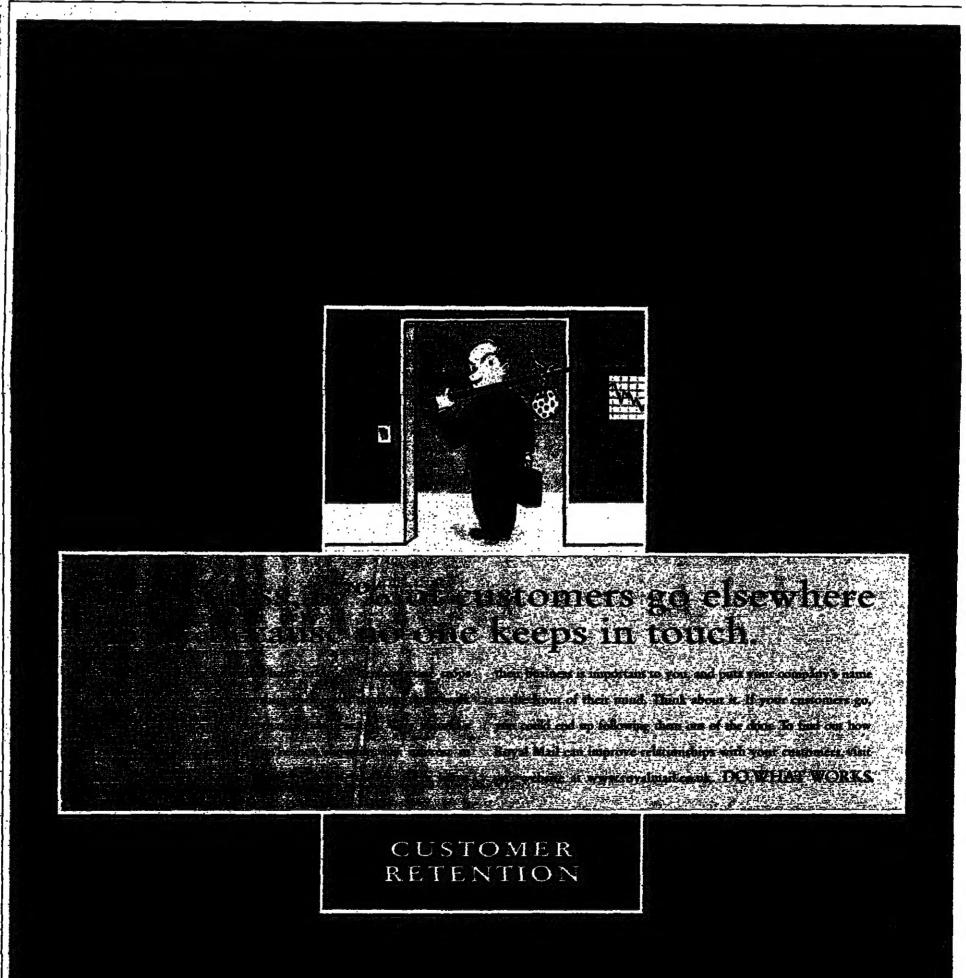
Mr Howarth said: "This is a magnificent portrait by one of the greatest painters of the 17th century. I am delighted that it has been saved for the nation ... And it is fitting that the Government has been able to loan the picture to Ant-

werp. Van Dyck's birthplace, for the important exhibition which will come to London." Sir Anthony Van Dyck (1599-1641) - who trained with Rubens - was employed from 1632 until his death in England as court painter to Charles I, where he worked from a studio at Blackfriars. His portrait of Abbe Scaglia - Ambassador to Rome, Paris and London and Van Dyck's main patron in Flan-ders between 1634 and 1635 -is revered for the portrayal of the sitter's dignity, sensitivity

and spirituality. The Van Dyck negotiations have been conducted by Christie's. Christopher Brown, director of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and organiser of the RA exhibition, de-scribed it as "one of the very greatest Van Dycks, one of the

ten best portraits by him". David Barrie, director of the National Art Collections Fund - which, with limited funds, helps museums to purchase works of art - said: This emphasises the importance of the acceptance-in-lieu arrangement to our national collections, expecially when money for acquisitions from the lottery is diminishing."

Eventually, it is believed, the painting is to reside at the

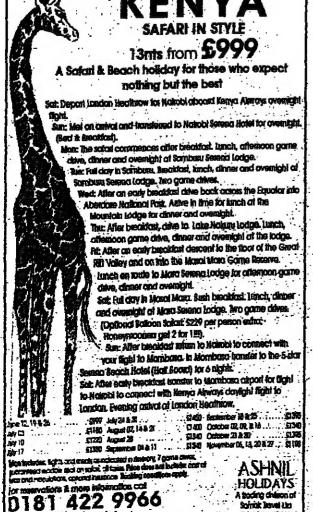




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# Porter set for new fight over homes for votes

THE former leader of West-minster City Council, Dame Shirley Porter, will today begin her latest attempt to clear her name over the homes-for-

The Tesco heiress will ask the Court of Appeal to over-turn the Divisional Court's decision to surcharge her £27 million for her role in gerrymandering and social engineering as leader of the flagship Tory council in the 1980s.

Her lawyers will argue that she is a political scapegoat who has been unfairly persecuted for pursuing a controversial policy that she was con-vinced was legal.

Dame Shirley and David Weeks, her deputy, were found guilty in 1996 of wilful misconduct by the district au-ditor. John Magill, and surcharged the E31 million that

Dame Shirley is in court for the next round

of £27m battle, reports Mark Henderson

had cost the council. The verdict was confirmed in December 1997 by the Divisional Court, though the surcharge was out to £27 million and four others originally found guilty were acquitted. The policy of "designating"

council homes for sale to improve the chances of the Conservatives in key wards was designed to "achieve unlawful

pealing.
The hearing will coincide with the publication of a draft Bill to establish a new ethical framework for local government. In future, allegations such as those made against Dame Shirley are likely to be dealt with by the criminal

Dame Shirley is expected to attend the appeal, in a rare appearance in this county. Since Mr Magill announced in 1994 that he was "minded" to find her and colleagues guilty, she has lived mainly in Israel and California. Almost all her E70 million fortune is now tied up in the charitable Porter Foundation in Israel, raising concerns that Westminster is unlikely to retrieve any money if Dame Shirley loses her ap-



Dame Shirley Porter: her lawyers will tell the hearing that she believed legal advice that the policy was lawful

Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, the Liberal Democrat peer and prominent human rights lawyer who took on the Government over the publication of Peter Wright's Spycatcher

Blake, the Soviet spy. Lord Neill of Bladen was originally engaged as leading counsel. but he withdrew from the case after a public outcry over the conflict of interest it might cre-

ards in Public Life.
Dame Shirley's legal team

vice that it was. They will also focus on the length and al-leged one-sided nature of Mr Magill's investigation, in will challenge the court's ruling that she could not have bewhich the auditor acted as "investigator, prosecutor, judge,

get say in who sits as a judge BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Public may

PLANS for changing the way judges are appointed by includ-ing lay people in the selection system are expected to be put forward within this Parliament by the Lord Chancellor. Lord Irvine of Lairg gave a strong hint on Saturday that he intended to soon begin consultations on a Judicial Arpointments Commission. 4 body to advise him on appoint-

ing judges.
The Lord Chancellor, who was addressing more than 100 lawyers in London at the Ethnic Minority Lawyers Conference, did not indicate his own view on the controversial pro-posal, which would run into opposition from many judges. Opponents fear it could lead to judges being appointed to represent a particular sex or mi-

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Lord Irvine also announced a new scheme in which ethnic minority lawyers thinking of applying for the junior part-time judicial posts would be encouraged to shadow judges to see what the work is like.

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# Straw orders 'Domesday' map of crime

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A "DOMESDAY" map of crime is being drawn up as part of Jack Straw's drive to ing responsibility for cutting curb criminal and anti-social

For the first time local authorities and the police in England and Wales are under a statutory duty to produce a their districts. They must first give a detailed audit of crimi-

nal behaviour in their areas. The guide to crime and dis-order will highlight the levels of robbery, burgiary, car thefis and sexual offences in all parts of the country. Crime "hot spots" should also be identified in the audits being carried out in each of 438 council areas in England and Wales which are now being

collected in the Home Office. cils and police have failed to produce a satisfactory audit, and Whitehall has accused them of providing only sketchy details of the extent of crime and disorder in their

The crime and disorder andit is part of Mr Straw's policy crime and promoting safety on the streets.

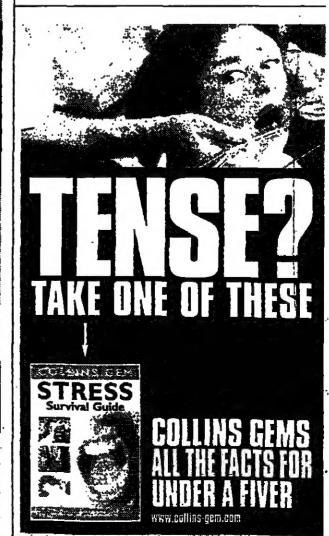
The move is part of Mr Straw's overall drive to reverse the "walk-on-by" society and encourage everyone to have a part in curbing crime and disorder on the streets.

Many local audits have been frank abouttheir areas. The London Borough of Hackney admits that all categories of serious crime are high and that it has a worse record than neighbouring boroughs such as Tower Hamicts, Islington, and Newham. Hackney's candid report. which lists crime "blackspots" in the borough, has won praise from the Home Office.

including those from Newcastle upon Tyne and the City of Westminster, are not considered by Whitehall to be addressing the real crime prob-

lems of their areas. The audit will be repeated throughout the country in





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# Europe spars over heir to Santer throne

closer last night to endorsing Romano Prodi, the former Italian Prime Minister, for the European Commission presidency but several states, possi-bly including France, were backing Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister. At a final ministerial session before a vital EU summit in Berlin on Wednesday, disla

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Berlin on Wednesday, diplomats said Signor Prodi appeared to have majority backing as best qualified to take over from Jacques Santer, who resigned with his whole team resigned with his whole team last week in a scandal over

Faced with a power vacuum in Brussels, EU leaders are under pressure to settle on a new presidential name in Berlin, but the necessary unanimous decision would require the three Nordic states plus Belgium and Linembourg to withdraw backing for Mr Kok.

Signor Prodi's candidature

won a new boost last night when Spain, which had been backing its own man for the Commission job, came out in support of the Italian. Abel Matutes, the Spanish Foreign Minister, hailed Signor Prodi's competence and qualifications for running the Commis-sion, adding: "He has a Mediterranean sensibility which means Spain can fully support him." This confirmed that Spain was no longer lobbying for Javier Solana, the Secre-

tary-General of Nato.

The foreign ministers last night also sketched the outlines of a potential deal in Berlin to end the wrangle over EU finances. Desperate to reach an accord at a time of EU crisis, Germany has softened some of its own demands and

has dropped demands to scrap the British budget rebate, pro-posing only adjustments to it. Ironically, the Commission crisis is widely seen as making a deal on the budget reform much more likely in Berlin beback Dutchman for top job, writes Charles

Bremner.

cause of the need to achieve something quickly to start-ex-tracting the Union from its malaise. Eager for any deal, Germany is expected to accept only a modest cut in its own 27 billion net contribution to the EU budget. In a conciliatory move intended to smooth the way for Signor Prodi. Italy has told Bonn that it can accept a change in the finance calcula-

tions that will raise its own an-

nual contribution; according

entirely new body.

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French diplomatic sources added fuel for fresh speculation over the incoming Commission by indicating that President Chirac had told Ger-hard Schröder, the German Chancellor, that he could accept Mr. Kok in the top post, although he forward Signor although he favoured Signor Prodi. The Dutch leader has said he is not interested in the job. But last night he was unering his position, according to British officials, and might

yet throw his hat into the ring. Germany, France and Britain are all understood to have told Herr Schröder, the EU's president in office, that they would back Signor Prodi, who is the only declared candidate

for the Santer succession.

Sweden, Denmark, Pinland, Belgium and Luncmbourg are all believed to have argued that Mr Kok is best qualified to force through the deep reform that northern Emme believes to be wild for Europe believes to be vital for the Commission's salvation. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, last night presented the ministers with Tony Blair's



President Jiang tours Venice from a gondola yesterday at the beginning of his three-nation European tour. He has already faced criticism from the Vatican over China's treatment of its ten-million strong Christian minority

# Jiang takes a slow boat from China

FROM RICHARD OWEN

JIANG ZEMIN, the Chinese President, yesterday toured Venice at the start of an II-day European trip which will take him to Austria and Switz-

erland as well as Italy.
Diplomats said Beijing hoped to bolster its ties with

noped to bolster its ties with Europe at a time when its re-lations with the United States are under strain.

But Italian officials said they would convey to Mr Jiang European "unease" Jiang European "unease" over Beijing's crackdown on dissent, including the imprisonment of dissidents seeking to set up an opposition party. Mr Jiang's visit has been overshadowed by criticism from the Vatican of China's

suppression of its Christian minority, and in particular the persecution of its ten mil-lion Roman Catholics.

It called on Beijing to re-lease two Catholic bishops deisined without trial for three years. Mr Jiang will today meet Italian leaders in Rome, but no meeting is scheduled with the Pope.

# Josehka can win where Oskar failed

summit this week but Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor, having completed his 14-nation European tour, was upbeat at the weekend.

There will be rows about money but the Chancellor has an even chance of being: able to portray himself, this time next week, as Europe's saviour. He certainly needs the favourable publicity. Only a few months into his chancellorship he has al-

ready reached his first crossroads. The road to disaster beckons: a bungled sum-nit, a difficult Social Demoratic conference on April 2 in which he only scrapes

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IY ROGER BOYES

sip, regional election de-fets for which he is barned, the unravelling of cals with the Greens, the conomy running out of seam, rising unemploy-pent, reforms blocked and abloody war in Kosovo. In this scenario Germany tonges from crisis to crisis at the precise moment that it shifts the hub of power from Boun to Berlin. The Chancellor could just res one himself by forming a grand coalition with the

Christian Democrats. The second path projects. Herr Schröder into a posi-tion of power similar to that of Helmot Kohi at his peak. This week's summit goes well a Commission presi-dent - Romano Prodi - is quickly agreed, the Social Democrats accept his authority, he was well in the European and regional elec-

trope is stumbling tions, the grumbling towards a compro. Greens fall into line even mise at the Berlin. over the Kosovo war.

For the Chancellor to find his way on to this golden road he needs Joschka has converted his ramshackle Green Party into

an instrument of power.

Herr Fischer, once a plump clown, now a wiry He believes the euro is a vital step towards political

mity. He wants a stronger European Parliament, a more pronounced European de-

In contrast to Oskar Lafontaine, Herr Fischer likes Britain and understands it (like many of the 1968 generation, Monty Python was the only thing he bothered

to watch on television).
The Foreign Minister,
who ran last week's Cabinet meeting in the absence of the Chancellor, is critical

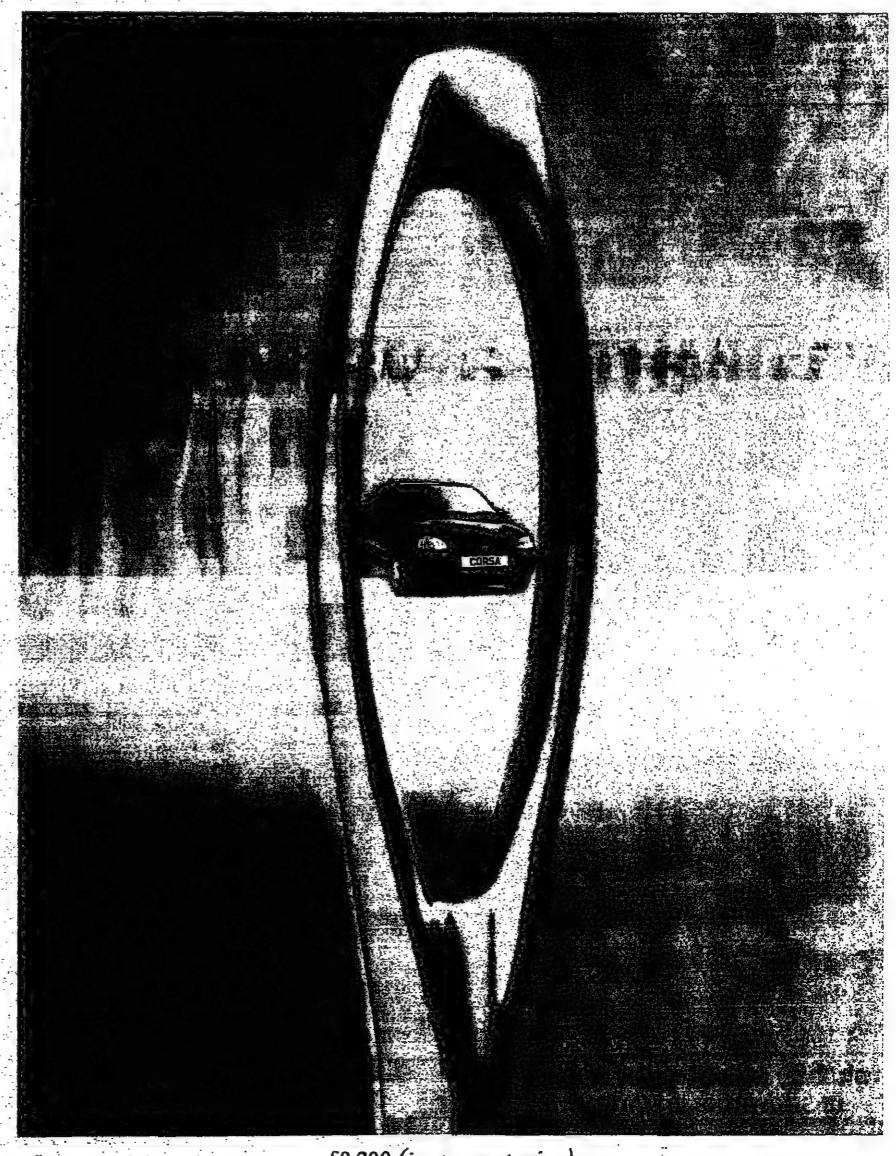
First, since Oskar's fall he has become the main conviction politician in the Cabinet. He believes in "ethical" policy, in pushing hu-man rights to centre stage. in a Germany constantly aware of its history, the minister is one of the few to speak with passion about the need to enlarge the European Union eastwards if ceeds, it will be primarily the work of Herr Fischer

Second, he has found a way of contributing responsibly to government in spite of his chaotic party.

Herr Fischer, rather than Herr Schröder, is Germany's Tony Blair Only on the issue of nuclear power, where the interests of two sections of the Green Party overlap and conflict, is

there a problem.

The Chancellor can certainly survive without Os-kar. Whether he will flourish depends on Joschka



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# Serbs unleash new wave of Kosovo terror

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN BRIBICA, KOSOVO

SERB forces rampaged unchecked for a second day through central Kosovo yesterday, forcing thousands more ethnic Albanians to flee from their homes only a day after international monitors abandoned their mission there.

In Pristina four Serbian policemen were shot dead and a fifth was injured late yesterday in an ambush.

Joe Hegenauer, head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees mission in Kosovo, said that the situation, which has accelerated out of control in the 24 hours since the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe's verifiers departed, had reverted to that of last autumn. Then Serb military of fensives laid waste swaths of territory and caused an exodus of refugees.

"In the last week we've had the biggest move of displaced people since September," he said, "We've probably had 100,000 move since December 24, and 60,000 since Rambouillet ... The Albanians are running through Kosovo. There way to stop this."

The most recent offensive be-



gan on Saturday as the 1,400 monitors' crossed the border into Macedonia, Groups of Serb special forces in white overalls and black balaclavas swarmed through Albanian homes in Srbica, 20 miles northwest of Pristina. Terrified civilians poured from their houses as streets echoed with gunfire and tanks pushed up on to surrounding hills. The town's 11.000-strong population, predominantly Albanian, had already been swollen by 7,000 refugees who fled fighting earlier this week when Serbs consolidated their

positions around Drenica. The road west to neighbouring Lausa, held by the Kosovo Liberation Army, was filled with refugees. Few had anything other than the clothes in which they stood. Many men

of between bodies lying in the

Abandoned at the edge of Srbica, three small children ran sobbing first one way, then another as small-arms fire clattered around them and the first roofs began to smoke.

We didn't run away, they forced us to leave," said Selim Dragaj, an ashen-faced man who was driving 12 family members out on a trailer. They told me: Take only your shoes and leave for Albania. You wanted to be part of Albania so go there. Don't stop running until you cross the Yugo-slav border."

Another man, who lay in the arms of his small son, his mouth burst open from a rifle butt blow, said: "The Serbs came into our house and beat us. They asked for money. beat us again, took my car, everything I had, beat me again and threatened my wife and children."

Simultaneously, Serb tanks and armoured personnel carriers advanced south along the road from the town towards Komorane, 12 miles distant, pounding the KLA-held village of Poljance en route.

The KLA fought back here, killing at least two soldiers before being smothered by in-



Some of the thousands of Albanians fleeing a renewed Serb offensive in the Drenica region of Kosovo yesterday en route for Glogovac, near Pristina

coming artillery. The offensive seems part of a larger operation that over the past month has secured the roadways and mountain ranges surrounding the Drenica region. Srbica is on an intersection within that zone and its purging has helped the Serb military to cor-

KLA and Albanian civilians. Coming less than 12 hours af-ter President Clinton made a televised address, in which he accused Yugoslavia alone of being responsible for the failure of peace talks and gave a warning that "Serbia has already crossed the threshold.

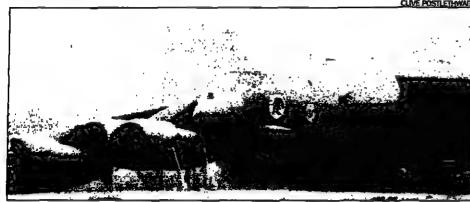
dence to the view that the vourable to Yugoslavia. Yester-Serbs are trying to create an ethnically pure territory north formed. Streets were empty ethnically pure territory north of the Pristina to Pec road.

If they achieve that quickly enough. President Milosevic could present the West with a

but for Serb troops and police. The roadway to Lausa was empty too, only an elderly Albanian couple could be seen walking hand-in-hand back to-

Zenuni explained. She had been beaten the day before when Serb police entered her flat and forced them out, arresting their son, 33. The last we saw of our boy

was him being taken away with his hands in the air. It is better to go there now, even if



B52s wait at RAF Fairford, in Gloucestershire, for the order to commence airstrikes

# Belgrade calm as state media shun reality

By TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC LIDITOR

AN UNEASY calm before the storm stretched over Belgrade yesterday as state media kept most Serbs cocooned within an illusory Nato-free world that could be shattered by cruise missiles at any moment this week

Despite a crisis that could bring about martial law and a much-feared witch hunt of opposition parties and

"traitors" with Western links, there was an almost total lack of debate on the Government's disastrous policy in supers, and of Albanian "terrorists". Kosovo. Even so-called independent television channels like that owned by Serbia's most powerful businessman, Bogoljub Karic, carried only statements from China and Russia support-

ing Yugoslavia's territorial integrity. No station showed any images of the humanitarian catastrophe in Kosovo: instead of pictures of refugees in the snow and burning villages, there

In the most bizarre coverage, by the state news agency Tanjug, Kosovo was said to be "calm".

Britain warned President Milosevic of Yugoslavia yesterday that if he contimued to obstruct the path to peace, hewas leaving the West with no option but to launch airstrikes. "We are serious. This is for real." Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said. "The escala-

tion of violence of the last 24 hours very worrying." Speaking on Break-fast with Frost, Mr Cook said the West was seeking stability in which the people of Kosovo were free from repression. "If it takes military actions to achieve that, then military action is the logical step that we have to take."

The Paris peace talks were suspended on Friday, Mr. Cook said, because he and Hubert Védrine, his French counterpart, concluded that the Serbs were not negotiating in good faith.





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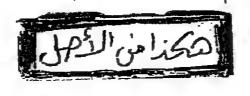
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# Neighbours drag Zambia into war

FROM SAM KILEY IN JOHANNESBURG

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ZAMBIA appears poised to be the latest African nation that is sucked into a war with its neighbours as bombings and an influx of refugees raise an initix of retugees raise fears of a widening of the civil wars in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

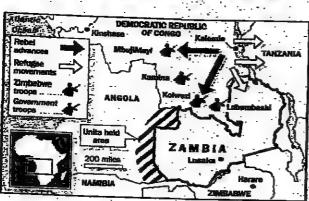
Until now it has managed to maintain a precarious "neutrality" in the two civil wars armse its burders. But these

across its borders. But these wars have now blurred into one and dragged in eight other countries.

Angola have been running high since the Government in Luanda accused President Chiluba's regime of backing the rebel Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) faction. Now, as Congo rebels, in alliance with Unita. advance south towards Lu-bumbashi, the capital of Katanga province which sits close to the Zambian border, Mr Chiluba is under pressure to take sides.

His instinct is to repeat the support he gave to the Rwanda and Uganda-backed rebels. of the Congo who crossed Zambian territory during their campaign to oust Mobutu rese Seko two years ago. But this strategy would immediate ly provoke an attack by Ango-la on his western flank.

The Congo rebels are once again closing in on his borders. This week 350 Congolese soldiers and about 6,000 refugees fled into northeast Zambia. The soldiers have been dis-



to cut Unite's links with the

shot down with one of them. Angola and its allies would

like to cut Unita's supply lines .

through Zambia, as much as

the Congo rebels are anxious

to stop Congo's allies being supplied via Zambia's rail net-

There is some evidence that

one or other side has already

armed, but if more of them pour into Zambia, the rebels are bound to pursue them. Godson Machona, of the in-

dependent newspaper The Post in Lusaka, said: There is a real possibility that Zambia will be dragged into these civil wars. There are already rumours that Unita passed through Zambian territory to ioin un with their allies in the join up with their allies in the Congo. This has angered the Angolan Government which has troops fighting on the side of the Congo Government. In addition, Zimbabwean soldiers fighting for the Congo Government have also been consistent through any territory. crossing through our territory, so they could be attacked here by the Congo's rebels." He added: The fact is that Zambia's

borders are unmanned." There are many incentives for the antagonists to cross into Zambia. The Angolan Government, or its allies from Zimbabwe, Namibia. Chad. and Sudan, will be tempted to attack Unita refugee camps inside Zambia's western border

started a campaign of insur-gency inside Zambia. Last month more than a dozen bombs were planted in Lusaka and the economically vital copper-belt area of northern Zambia. The Angolan Embas-sy was among the targets. The bombings have so far defied explanation by Zambian officials and American investigators.

"Nothing is certain other than that Zambia is trapped and about to become the meat in a terrible sandwich. There seems little Zambians can do other than cross their fingers or pray," a Western diplomat-in the Zambian capital said. Congo rehels Intelligence sources say Congo's rehels have already acquired Sam-16 anni-aircraft missiles. Last week a Zimhahwean jet was Debt burden: An Oxfam survey to be released today will reinforce its campaign to erase the debt burden of the world's poorest countries by highlighting the burden on education. The report states that 125 million children of primary school age are out of school, and that by 2015, 75 per cent of children out of school will be Africans, a tragic development when "education saves lives"



Mr Clinton with congresswoman Lorreta Sanchez at a weekend Democrats' meeting in the White House

# Monica spoof tickles Clinton

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton played the good sport as he sat through a merciless satire of the Monica Lewinsky affair. A chorus of Lewinskys, each with angled beret and a soiled blue dress, paraded on stage. "Trial of the Century," screamed the "Monica-enes".

Who dreamt it would star reams of naughty prose, a girl's dirty clothes ... ? A tenor playing one of Mr Clinton's lawyers sang a send-up of Love is a Many-Splendawed Thing as "Sewit dis." doured Thing as "Sex is a defi-nition thing". Bruce Springs-teen's Born in the USA was re-worked as "Caught by his

The event was the annual white-tie dinner of the Grid-iron Club where senior Washington journalists put on a series of skits lampooning politi-cians. Their aim is to singe their victims but not burn them and Mr Clinton said they had succeeded. "I had a

wonderful time," he claimed. Still, some Gridiron members were concerned that the humour was too rough in places. But when it was his turn to speak, Mr Clinton

ceded that 1998 was an awful year: "It was a year I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy." Then after a pause, he said: "I take that back" - and everyone guessed that he had Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor. in mind.

Mr Clinton, having once boasted of his faith in "a place called Hope", his early boy-hood home in Arkansas, said: "I want you to know, through it all, I still believe in a place called Hell." He mused about titles for his memoirs, includ-

ing "Beyond Hope", and said he had settled on "My Story and I'm Sticking to It". Mr Clinton enjoyed his heartiest laugh when a Hil-lary Clinton figure, dressed as the Statue of Liberty, sang of her Senate hopes to the tune of New York: "My Whitewater blues, are washing away, I'll show those right-wing nuts, this broad's got more

than guts ...."
Mrs Clinton did not see the spoof. She and daughter Chelsea had already left Washington for a 12-day trip to Egypt,





Mark Chavanhukar (1) and will Ray Choto, badly beaten the fire in are to challenge the constitutionality of a law used to incarcerate and torture them

(Michael Dynes writes). Mr Chavunduka, 37, editor of the country's The Stand-ard, and Mr Choto, 33, its chief reporter — seen in London where they are being treated after their ordeal - African nationalism.

paper had said that 23 army officers had been arrested for plotting a coup. The two face

brought under the Law and Order (Maintenance) Act, introduced by the white Rhodesian Government to suppress

### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

# **Thousands flee Borneo** as 96 die in ethnic fight

Sambas, Indonesia: Hundreds of euphoric warriors, some wearing shirts stained with victims' blood, pillaged and hurnt abandoned homes on Borneo island yesterday after ethnic slaughter left at least 96 people dead. A chunk of flesh dangled by a string them the spear of one fighter, who said it was the heart of a man he had killed. A few carried ears and pieces of scalp.

Ritual savagery has consumed a coastal region near the Malaysian border since gangs of ethnic Malay. Dayak and Bugis men set upon immigrants from Madura island last week. For the most part, the military has kept clear of the conflict. More than 15,000 Madurese — many have suffered frequent attacks despite having lived for decades in Borneo — have fled.

### Finns re-elect centrists

Helsinki: The Finnish opposition Centre Party looked likely to return to power after narrowly beating the ruling Social Democrats and Conservatives in elections, preliminary results showed. Electoral commission officials said the Centre won 252 per cent of the vote, the Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen's SDP received 23 per cent and the co-ruling Conservatives gained 21.1 per

# New Queen for Jordan



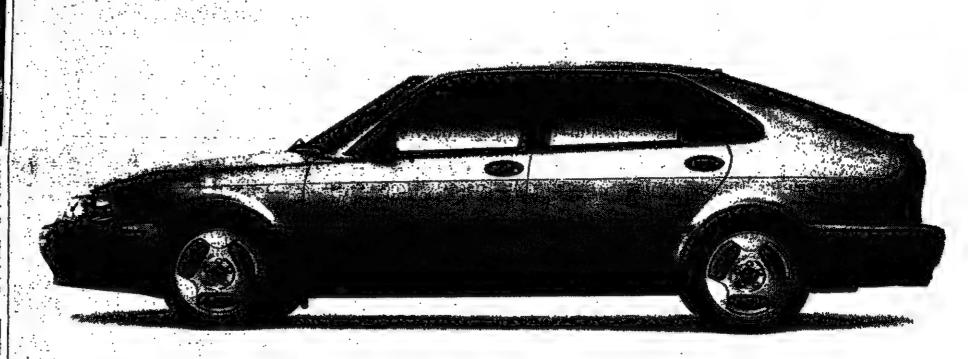
dan has bestowed on his wife, Princess Rania, left, the title of queen, palace sources said. The Princess, 28, was born in Kuwait of Palestinian parents and the couple were married in June 1993. The status of Queen Noor, 47, the American-born fourth wife of the late King Hussein, will not be affected. King Abdullah has declared her son, Prince Hamzah. 18, to be his heir. (Reuters) ....

# 1,000 Kurds arrested

Diyarbakir: Violence and a police crackdown marked the Kurdish new year in Turkey on Sunday, with police arresting 1,000 people across the country and putting the Kurdish-dominated southeast under a virtual state of siege. Tension has already been running high after a surge of violent attacks blamed on Kurdish rebels seeking to avenge the capture of Abdullah Ocalan, the Kurdish Workers' Party leader. [AP]

# Bushmen regain land

Askham: South Africa's first inhabitants got back some of their lost homeland when Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, signed lost homeland when Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, signed lost homeland when Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, signed lost homeland when Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, signed lost homeland when Thabour Statement with a tribe of Kalahari Bushmen. The Strong Khomani San community regained 100,000 acres of the Kalahari after the Government spent 15 million rand (about 11.6 million) to buy out the occupying white farmers. (AFP)



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# Battery farm bears milked for medicine

THE brochure for the Ruili Dianye pharmaceutical factory, where 230 black bears are milked for the bile from their gall bladders, says reassuringly that the animals "en-joy themselves in a comfortaole environment".

But a correspondent who visited the place, opened in 1988 near China's border with Burma in southwestern Yunnan province, and also known -with some exaggeration — as Ruili Wild Animal Ranch, saw bears in 5ft by 2ft oin cages. The factory is little better than

a prison camp for them. The animals were unable to turn round in the cages and some groaned either in pain or grief, or swung to and fro in a manner sugggesting extreme frustration or mental distur-bance. Some had red, raw stomach wounds, where a steel catheter had been inserted into their sides attached to a plastic tube which carried the precious bile to a receptacle.

The bear bile, siphoned off every few days, is used for treating liver problems, shock from severe burns, haemorrhoids, conjuctivitis and sinusitis and even some cancers. The gall bladders are used for serious liver diseases, including cancer and cirrhosis. he Dianye factory is





An attendant at the factory indicates the size of a newborn cub; right, an advertisement for bear bile

China flouts law as animals suffer to meet demand

for traditional remedies, writes

**James Pringle** 

eral miles outside Ruili, in pleasant rural surroundings beside the fiele reservoir. The correspondent had not expected to be allowed to visit but expressed an interest in purchasing such products as bear bile wine and oral bear bile liquid, and was invited to make a tour.

The young female attendants, although they asked the visitor to refrain from taking photograph, seemed pleasant enough and did not seem cruel or even unkind to animals. One demonstrated the size of a cub recently born there.

Unofficial figures suggest that 8,000 to 10,000 bears are caged in China in battery bear farms like this. There are only about 12,000 left in the wild in and those being brought into captivity are smuggled across the

Even if these farms were out-lawed in China it would make no difference. Drug traffick-ing, gambling and prostitu-tion — all illegal — remain widespread. The vested interests of those in charge, who are unlikely to be dislodged any time in the near future, animal welfare groups believe. A resident correspondent becomes inured to animal suffer-

bile a year. Staff at the Dianye factory

say that they breed bears, and

other for comfort. Some cubs

would not let them be seen.

bans the export of bear bile,

along with rhinoceros horn

and tiger parts, but all these

trades still go on.

ing in China, including their public torture for fun in 200s. Bear paws and fragment meat (dogmeat) are sometimes on the menu at official functions. Snakes are skinned alive for soup. Fish and shrimps are still alive at the tableside. Dogs await their fate in cages outside restaurants. The Chinese in general treas-

ure their traditional medicine, which has a history going back thousands of years, and they resent any foreign criticism. And, as many people here become more prosperous, the market for bear bile is



A bear in the allegedly "comfortable environment" at Dianye pharmaceutical factory

# Dope tourists reopen hippy trail to Laos

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

WHILE leaders of the Khmer Rouge were recently given a VIP tour of the country they tore apart, all seemingly for-given, seven little old ladies in Phnom Penh's Russian market were arrested for selling marijuana which was, until recently, perfectly legal because it gives a bite to duck soup.

This was bad news for back-packing world travellers, the latter-day hippies, who had not stocked up at the market. Recently 200 cigarettes re-tailed there for just a few dollars - in the 1970s it was only a dollar for 200 reefers.

With the ending of decades of war in Cambodia, the sur-render of most of the last Khmer Rouge, plus the recent opening of two border crossing points that can take backpackers from Thailand to Cambodia for the first time since the 1970s without a plane ticket, Phnom Penh is suddenly full of world travel-

lers, young and not so young.

The same is true of the hippy trail from backpacker central in Bangkok's Khao San Road to Laos, where this nominally Communist state turns a blind eye to those wanting the opium experi-ence, though opium is tech-nically illegal.

For many younger travel-lers, carrying their copy of the current cult novel, Alex Gar-land's The Beach, these countries represent heaven.
Burma, although the source

of most of the region's hard drugs, is less of a drug scene itself, and China is a no-noexecutions of dealers are commonplace - but there are plenty of local addicts in both.

Yet the scene in Cambodia and Laos is no re-run of the flower power era. Both have changed since the 1970s when in Vientiane you could smoke grass, if so inclined, while enjoying the pleasures of Madame Luhu's or the White Rose - both better unadulterated

The countries are different both having endured terrible wars with borrific American bombing along the Ho Chi Minh trail, and in Cambodia the ruthless social experiment of the Khmer Rouge. There's



a harder-edged quality to both countries now," said one Phnom Penh resident. They have lost something of their charm. The Cambodians in the 1970s were like babies, and they used to say they liked lying down watching the rice grow, while the Laotians were so laid back they liked to listen to it grow."

The backpackers are different, too. Instead of penniless kids, many travellers are stockbrokers or lawyers who have taken a year's sabbatical, and may have £30,000 to spend Anthony Alderson, gen general manager of the Foreign Correspondents Club in Phnom Penh, has been among the first to target back-

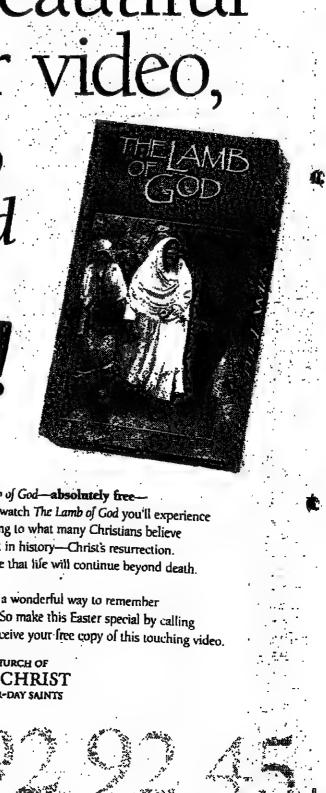
packers. "Some of the older ones had been in Asia in the 1970s and want to reacquaint themselves, perhaps relive, some youthful experience. But many others, here for the first time, are wowed by being away from a more predictable

life in Europe or America.
When I was on the road some years ago, our lives centred on the post office and poste restante where you could pick up your mail. Now-adays travellers keep in contact by e-mail: that is why we are opening an Internet café

People tend to be more cautious, too. The freewheeling lifestyle is still there, but ine a sably some of the charm has gone. Backpackers no longer wear flowers in their hair. And seven little old ladies are awaiting their day in court.

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coff Whitely, the administrator of the Black Dyke Mills Brass Band, looks out of the window at the huge black mill channey that dominates the landscape and gives a

"Well," he says. "I did wonder if we were doing the right thing when I said that we couldn't play at the Oscars because we were booked to play in Bournemouth. A bit of soul-searching went on, I have to admit. But we'd made a commitment and we had to

keep to it. Simple as that."

If they had had different priorities, the world's most famous brass band would have been guests of honour at last night's glittering Oscars ceremony. Instead, with their values firmly entrenched in Middle England, they were in Bournemouth—a decision that as-tonished the showbiz world, where little is more coveted than an invitation to the Los Angeles celebrity fest.

most famous — and modest — brass band

band ensemble," says Bob Childs, the steeped in tradition. The music stands principal euphonium player and assist-ant conductor, as he adjusts his scarlet and blue band jacket over his anaple. tummy. "Even if we could have got out of the Bournemouth concert. we wouldn't have, because the organisers are our friends."

From anyone eise, this could sound like hubris. But the Black Dyke hand know their place, and it is not amidst the hype and hypocrisy of LA. It's here. in Queensbury, West Yorkshire, where in 1855 John Foster, a mill owner, phi-lauthropist and enthusiastic French born player, decided to fund the local village band.

The members are revered, and once

inside the bandroom, you understand why. Tatty and chilly, the room is also

were made by Foster's joiners 150 years ago and there are shelves of scores from the last century.

The bandroom's history weighs on

you, admits fim Watson, who has been the musical director for seven years. You look around and realise you're just another guardian of the tradition. "I came here as The Pro. I was a professor at the Royal Academy of Music and I'd played at Covent Garden. I had been roasted by the greatest maestros in the world. But I was never so terrified as when I stood in from of the band for the first time and had 25 pairs of Yorkshire eyes saying 'Go on, then, bloody show us'. I felt I had to prove myself to these men more than I'd ever had to prove myself before."

Band members give up much to be one of the Black Dyke men. Once they pass their audition, they accept that the band comes before everything. They don't get paid — concert fees cover ex-penses only — but most still put careers and families second. Everyone has an-other job: there are teachers, engineers. financial experts and shop assistants. They tour in holiday time and some

take unpaid leave.
"To be honest," says Childs in his blunt way, "I think there would have been a few sighs of relief when we decided against the Oscars because one or two of the lads wouldn't have been able to afford the time off work."

The passion these men, gruff and si-

lent in their daily lives, show for their music is extraordinary. Ask about their wives and they say "Oh, the women-folk understand the band comes first". Ask about the band and they become as lyrical as the melodies they play. When I ask Whitely, who joined

Black Dyke in 1957, why this is so, he stops stock still in front of an ancient photograph of the band and smiles. "I think it's because we northern men aren't very good at showing our emo-tions. We think a man who shows his feelings is a bit soft. But when we've got our music in from of us we can show everything we feel. I think that's why the band's as good as it is. Because it's only through the music that we can ex-

press our passions."

Matt Baker agrees: "It's when I'm playing my cornet that I show all my love and all my anger. This is where my emotions go now."

When Jim Watson was a boy all the children in his village were in the band. "It was as important as religion," he says. "More important - missing practice was worse than missing church. You learnt then never to let any-

That's the sort of morality that sticks with you. Always."

# What are we doing to our children?

The pressure put on children by private schooling is intolerable, argues Olivia Lichtenstein

t is no secret that our edu- no "common entrance" at this cation system is less than perfect. But those of us who might have thought that a return to the old. grammar school system was the answer are probably wrong. One need only look at what is happening in the private system to see that such a move could be a mistake.

This is the time of year when parents metaphorically roll up their sleeves and prepare their offspring for battle. Victory is all publicly celebrated, defeat concealed beneath a secret cloud gone this gruelling experience. one that is becoming increasingly common for middle-class parents, one that is especially painful for those middle-class parents who have sacrificed their socialist principles on the altar of their children's educational interests.- A conspiracy of silence surrounds the or-

deal. It is time to speak out. I am talking about the II-plus examination, which was purportedly abolished shortly before I was due to sit. it years ago (I say purportedly, because I recall doing things referred to as "tests")...

On the private school circuit there is no attempt at disguise: there it is, bold as brass on the front page of examination papers for entry to secondary school. It is all that we parents of 10 and 11-year-olds talk bout. The pressure to do well s so acute that children already attending elite private preparatory schools are given extra tuition at weekends. They lose football, ballet and Nintendo privileges and inhabit an austere, monastic pre-

sent. To make it worse, there is

evening

at 7pm.

with

stage and each school holds its own exams. Your child may sit. at least three three-hour examinations. What on earth are wedoing to our children?

Oscar, my 10-year-old, had set his heart on going to Latymer Upper School in Hammersmith, West London. He wanted to go there so much that I felt instantly nervous, in the way that you do when you are convinced that wanting something too much will preclude you from getting it. "Mam," he would say, "I'd be so proud to wear Latymer's uniform." As he went into Year o of his small private

prep school, the atmosphere changed —this was the term I feel I've for hard work and intensive preparafailed him tion in the art of comprehension and mathematics. by being Linie else mattered, beloved footunable to ball fell by the wayside, history and put things science took second place and everyone's attention was right focused on entry to secondary school.

came serious business. The interminable round of visiting schools for application ensued. Head teachers paid lip service with their avowals that they were seeking children who could contribute in many areas, not just eggheads who would gain the highest scores. At Larymer, when we saw the hundreds of parents inspecting the school, such words had an empty ring. With so many sitting the exam. how could they

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select other than on the basis of scores alone?

We applied to three schools: Latymer, St Benedict's and Ibstock Place. Oscar liked Latymer best, felt it was where he belonged: In his mind he was already wearing the uniform, playing for the football team, drawing in the art room and performing in the soon-to-becompleted arts centre. Despite our attempts to persuade him that the other schools had as much to offer, he was a "Latymer hoy His school agreed: "Don't worry. He'll get in. He's As the Latymer exam

neared. Oscar became increasingly anxious. We told him to do his best and not to worry. On the day, his body was taut with nerves and a desire to do well. I left him at the gates of the school as instructed and burst into tears. At 10, young for his year and not very tall, he looked too small to have to go through all this. Rumours abound-

ed; 500 boys were sitting for 100 plac-Homework bees, then 800 for 50 places. I spent the next three hours touching all the wood I could find, watching the clock and trying to transmit energy to Oscar. I even found myself invoking the spirit of my mother and asking her to help him. She was an academic with a brilliant mind, so this was, I rea-

soned, very much her sphere. Oscar thought the exam was hard, but that he had done OK: "When I got the English paper I didn't feel like doing it, so I kicked myself and said you're going to do this'." So why did I have a niggling feeling that all would not be well? Oscar had done well in his exams for St Benedict's and Ib-

stock Place: both invited him for interview, both offered him a place. But Latymer did not wish to interview him — his performance in the examination had been poor. There, I've said it publicly. I felt griefstricken. How could I disappoint my son with this news? I couldn't bear that they could reject him without having met him. I accept that this is a partisan view, but Oscar is a child whom people remem-ber. Lively, inquisitive, humor-ous and charming, he has a tal-ent for life. Academically, he

can be extatic one day he will come top of the class, the next, somewhere near the middle. It depends on whether he is concentrating. He is 10, after all He writes poetry that displays a talent for the music and rhythm of language, and a grasp of metaphor. I wrote to Latymer's head-

terview Oscar: "If, after interview, you still feel he's not right, I will accept it." Oscar's prep school was astonished that he had been refused interview and rang Latymer exhorting it to reconsider. I know I may have too rosy a view of my son's capabilities, but his school, the people who teach and see him every day and have intimate knowledge of his academic capabilities, agreed

master, asking the school to in-



Olivia Lichtenstein and Oscar: "On hearing that he was not to be interviewed by Latymer, he sobbed on my shoulder, saying 'I failed. I hate myself'

there might have been a mistake. They said Oscar's performance on the day was not indicative of his performance in general, that he had slipped through the net and that steps must be taken to reverse this. Latymer agreed to look

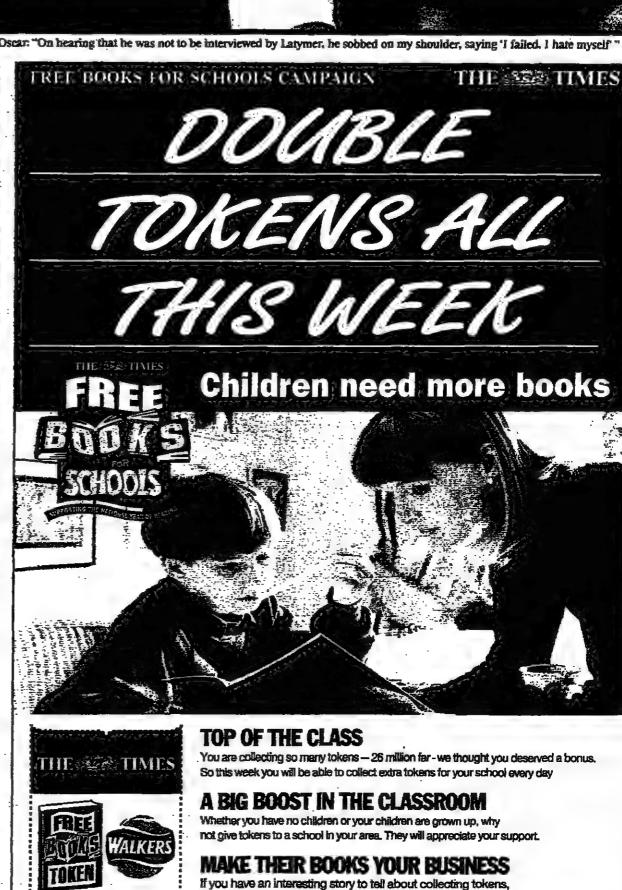
again at his exam papers and consider his school report then declined again to interview him. It seems it was selecting the boys with the highest scores and that the school report means little. Do schools now, in their fight to win our business and be top of the league table, wish to turn out only stockbrokers and accountants? Is there no longer room for poets, actors, writers, foot-

ballers and dreamers? On hearing he was not to be interviewed. Oscar sobbed on my shoulder saying "I failed, I hate myself". Surely this is not good for a 10-year-old. Whatever my assurances that the school is the loser, Oscar-feels he has failed something big. He will go to St Benedict's. It has a good record for pastoral care and may prove a better place for him. It offers an "oldfashioned" education. Maybe it is for the best; perhaps Latymer would not have been right for him. But I fear that in some indefinable way, Oscar is being denied something that should by rights be his.

hould one exam on one January day de-cide a child's educational fate? Shouldn't schools put as much importance on reports from the children's schools? Shouldn't parents be able to discuss matters with a school when they feel things have gone wrong? We must look at what is hap-

pening to our children; something is seriously awry. Oscar is one of thousands who have undergone the 11-plus ordesi this year and, doubtless, one of thousands who has bad to swallow the bitter pill of rejection so early in life. For thousands of others there is no choice; they must go wherever they can and get whatever education they can. Utopian though it may seem, I feel that if we were all to send our children to local state schools, the situation would be better. Meanwhile, I will always worry that Oscar may have missed

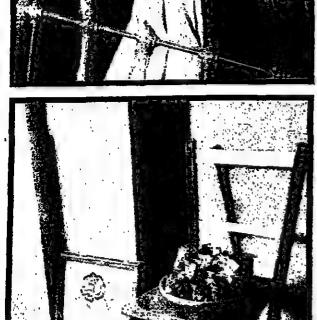
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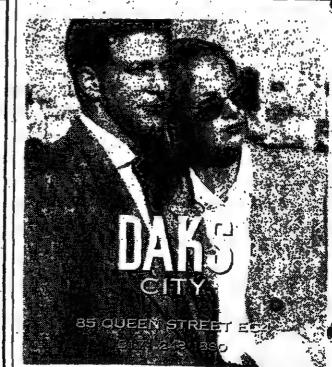


Matthew Williamson at home,

where rococo meets Ibiza Top and bottom left: bedroom colours are calm or intense Above right: the autumn/winter collection at A la Mode, Browns. Hervey Nichols and Joseph Left: the studio's edectic mêlée Above: a scrap of fuchsia silk inspired the colour of the walls Right: memories of Rajasthan

ican and translates this into fashion, and anything that Gaultier is doing at the







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Do you change your style according to the season? In summer I buy cheaper clothes; in winter, when fabries are more important, I buy more luxurious clothes. such as cashmere.

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Where do you like to shop? I buy everywhere. Small street stalls in New York, Joseph for essentials, eclectic shops in the Marais in Paris, which don't just sell clothes but accessories for the home, and an Indian shop on Rue de l'Université.

Who is your favourite designer? I don't have a favourite, I am interested rather in what they do. I like the way Azzedine Alaia works, the intelligence of Lagerfeld's clothes, the way Marc Jacobs thinks so Amer-

What is your greatest style weakness? Shoes. I own about 400 pairs. Before I moved flats I had a problem housing them. I even used to keep them in the kitchen. I continue to buy - but I never lend them to anyone.

What is the most expensive item you have ever bought? An old Hermès handbag. It was so expensive, even though I bought it at a flea

Style-wise, what can you not My American Tank watch, by Cartier.

Whose style do you most admire? Amanda [Lady] Harlech's.

What is your style motto? When depressed, always go shopping.



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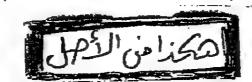
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# I'm not afraid of colour



Matthew Williamson draws inspiration for his clothes from the way he decorates his flat. Photographs by Ryan Sullivan

Tou can tell a lot about a designer's state of mind by the scope of his references. The Borgias, rape, atomic fallout, Pocahontas meets Henry VIII - all recent inspirations for some of our linest creative imaginations - tend to suggest a certain amount of emotional disturbance. Either that or a keen eye towards publicity.

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Then there are the collections that try desperately to hint that their designers lead lives of fabulous depravity (these are the ones that use dead flies and cocaine as accessories). Lastly there are those that come clean and admit that the designer's main pastime is forging a cosy relationship with his home (not very de-bauched, this, but infinitely

easier on the eye). Matthew Williamson's most recent show, a highlight of London Fashion Week, was one of these, with a little of the travelogue thrown in. He spent the new year in Rajas-than, at the Neemrena Fort Palace Hotel, a crumbling, traditional pile with themed rooms. The one he stayed in, Moon Palace, was painted from floorboard to rafter in a soft, almost lilac white, with creamy white uphoistery embroidered with small mirrors. White is not a colour normally associated with Williamson, fuchsia and hot orange being. more his spectrum. So he went shopping in the bazaar for cheap sari silks, which fin a spot of instant interior redeco-rating popular among fashion folk and now known as "doing a Kate Moss") he then draped over the lights. The effect neon peach walls and dots of colour dappling the walls and ceilings — was so mesmerising that Day-Glo became the starting point for his autumn collection, which he christened Glomad, It also be-

illiamson is an old hand at reinhome; he started tinkering with the fixtures and fittings when he was a teenager living with his parents in Manchester and continues to do so with a frequency and enthusiasm that would cheer every interiors magazine editor in the land. This is the man who had fashion connoisseurs cooing so admiringly over the beaded chardeliers that used to hang in his old kitchen that he was tempted to market them, until he realised that they took 100 hours to make. He still cannot resist nurning up the occasional mosaic din-. ing table. "My home changes. every time I do a collection," he says. "I end up using it as a canvas to experiment with ide-

came the raison d'être behind :

a new look for his studio flat.

as for the show." Chez Glomad began taking chairs that had been upholstered with flock velvet brocade and discovered in Camden Market. The iron bedstead, a Portobello Road find, was painted fluorescent pink.

Flea markets are pretty up-scale for Williamson, In the fashionable design idiom of our times he trawls everywhere from the gloriously staid (an exotic, Chinese looking lacquered table from John Lewis) and the borderline naff (a wicker chest of drawers, painted mint green, from The Pier) to Canal Street in Manhattan for a flashing Indian goddess. and that popular shopping drag, the Atlas Mountains, for a sequined hessian rug. In oth-



port, will indulge in re tail therapy.

treasures Other. were dragged home from skips (an elegant, spindly-legged sofa), Mexican street hawkers (the string of plas-tic rose lights that scramble across the ice blue wall in the bedroom area) and friends (an old gold and satin, hand-painted Chinese-style wallhanging, based on one. in Brighton Pavilion, that was discovered in Ibiza and given to him by Jade Jagger). Kitsch mingles with

way and faux 18th century gets a look-in, too, and somehow they all live happily ever after. He calls the current

cued us from the hell of having to worry about whether match-

managed to cram three dis-tinct living spaces — for sleep-

ing, eating and relaxing -- into windowless room roughly 20ft by 30ft that is tagged on to the back of his basement work studios in Clerkenwell, East London. All of it on a shoestring. Much of this is achieved with a bravura, reckless take on colour. The present scheme was an attempt to mix beat with icy cold the pink walls were achieved after Williamson went to the Notting Hill paint specialists John Oliver, chulching a scrap of fuchsia silk; the pale, minty blue is from Sanderson - and looks beautiful.

The reason it works," he says. 's because I'm not frightened. A lot of people are terrified of colour because often the results are not quite what they expected. But if you don't have too strong a preconception, it's fine." He claims to have had no scarring experience with his colours, although that may be because he tends to change them every six months. "One Moroccan blue left us with a headache but it looked good. The secret is to establish what a room is for. Its function dictates the colour: warm in a sitting room, intense or calming in a bedroom."

A fortnight before his show Williamson announced: "Once you have seen the flat, the collection will make sense." He was right: the neon colours and rococo and nomadic allusions were scattered throughout. This synergy between clothing and decor is increasingly part of the design landscape. Trends in the home are being promulgated with the same speed as catwalk diktats, with more and more designers issuing both.

s soon as the business infrastructure is in place Williamson hopes to launch a home collection. The ideas are already there. "It won't be a beige tablecloth," he says firmly, "unless it's a silk-linen one trimmed with velvet and dingly-dangly beads. There's so much stuff available for the house now, but a lot of it has none of the attention to detail or the richness that I put into my clothes. There are women out there wearing my embroidered skirts who would love to have something fike that hang-ing on their walls:"

He is right — and very pref-ty it will be. The days of fretting over whether different bits of furniture go together will seem haloyon and simple compared with working out whether your sofa empathises with your kitten heels.

# Forget the films, did my hair win an Oscar?



WHILE the non-winners come to terms with an Oscar-less loo this morning, the real beroes of the event have yet to assess the fruits of their labours.

I refer to the armies of stylists and hairdressers who have made the event their own and who will spend the next year scan-ning the press for evidence of their brilliant handiwork. No Hollywood icon can put out the milk these days without an entourage of image enhancers wielding powder puffs and hair extensions in their direction. The celebrity stylist has been shopping for months and some will have gone to dastardly lengths to secure the right frock. Two years ago one stylist called in all Versace's glitziest numbers and hung on to them until Oscar night was safely out of the way. Money rarely changes

to American Vogue, dry-cleaning a beaded Oscar gown in Hollywood can cost upwards of \$1,000. Nominees are drenched in presents - from the hotels' personalised chocolate sculptures to the world's beauty experts who fly into the LA smog ready to enhance everything from earlobes to toe cuticles. John Barrett, the New York-based star coiffeur, jetted to Bel-Air at the weekend to tend Dame Judi Dench (up for Shakespeare in Love), Rachel Griffiths (Hilary and Jackie), the costume designer Sandy Pow-ell (Elizabeth), and two pow-erful mavens from Vanity

hands, although according

More frazzling is work-ing out which client gets which hour-long slot. First appointment goes to the lowest in the pecking order. who must then spend eight

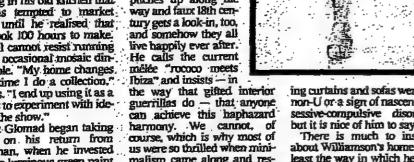
hours in full make-up and copious hairpieces waiting for the thing to start. Barrett was still revising his running order on Thursday night, and I got the feeling that much depended on his clients' behaviour. Some had been in discussion with him for weeks, others, such as Dame Judi, have hair so short that "all they require is for me to put my head round the hotel room door and do a benediction. I take my scissors in case a trim is required, but it's about giv-

ing them confidence."

Then there's the dress to consider, he gets to voice his opinion (that's hairdressers for you). "But in the end, what they wear is in the lead, what they wear is in the lad of the gods," he says. "To my knowledge, before Cate Blanchett stepped out on that red carpet in front of the Dorothy Chandler pavilion last night, at least five designers were certain they were dressing her."

IT IS a truism that today the question most frequently asked of fashion editors not whether Charles Worth was a greater contu-rier than Edward Moly-neux, but "where can I get a

cheap pashmina?"
Allowing for the oxymoron, here it is from today until next Sunday. Sophia Swire, one of the first importers of pashminas to Britain, will be selling her wraps from £149 at the Cellar Bar, in the Icon Restaurant. 21 Elystan Street. Chelsea. London SW3. Also taking part are Anna Bevan, the jeweller. and Caroline Hickman, the Central St Martins-trained milliner, whose flower "twists", from £70, are a pretty alternative to hats for weddings and christenings. The £10 admission fee will be donated to the NSPCC.



shape on his return from Rajasthan, when he invested in some luminous green paint that he used to transform a pair of Louis Quinze-esque



ing curtains and sofas were U, non-U or a sign of nascent obsessive-compulsive disorder, but it is nice of him to say so. There is much to inspire about Williamson's home, not least the way in which he has

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OPERA: Rodney Milnes reviews English National Opera's new show, while (right) Richard Morrison reveals its plans



Mephistopheles (Alastair Miles) and the dying Faust (David Rendall) in ENO's worthy but doomed staging of Boito's lightweight take on Goethe

# Sympathy for this Devil

he story so far. A year ago the Royal Opera and Bernard Haitink gave a couple of superlative concert performances of Bolto's Mefistofele which, despite their quality, revealed why the piece hadn't been staged here for more than 40 years. That, we felt with a sigh of relief, was that for another generation, and our minds boggled when English National Opera announced a new production. The only vaguely interesting aspect of last Thurs-

work's inadequacy should in staged performance than in concert form.

Not to mince words, Mephistopheles is twaddle. Boito's attempt to encapsulate the whole of Goethe's Faust in two hours of music is doomed on that account alone: the dramaturgy is hopelessly jerky; we never know who Faust or Margarcta are - they are just lay figures who sing a bit — and it's hard to discern any reason

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for the Walpurgisnacht scene or the Classical Sabbath being

Add to this the problem of there being no music to speak of, unless forever repeating a phrase a semitone higher and hoping for the best counts as composition. The fragmentary, broken-backed tunes. when they come, are of quite astonishing banality. By com-parison, Gounod's much despised little opéra comique is a

work of blazing genius. So why is Mefistofele ever done? Well, Boito's libretto employs colourful syntax, hardly matched in Carlos Wagner's serviceable new translation; it shows off any company's chorus, and the title role is a gift for a good, harmmy bass. Good basses are normally restricted to singing heavy fathers, high priests and introspective des-

pots; they must love being allowed to gambol about a bit. Alastair Miles is a very good bass indeed; he sang pungently and beautifully, and gam-bolled discreetly. David Rendall (Faust) was on top form, sounding happier and more heroic the higher he went, and Susan Patterson (Margareta) fielded thrilling tone and excellently clear diction. Leigh Melrose and Christine Rice filled the minor roles efficiently, and

the chorus was superb.

lan Judge, together with his
set and costume designers
John Gunter and Tim Goodchild, deserves some sort of modal for keeping us all awake. This is a romp: real devils with horns and tails, cherubim throwing paper darts, choirs of angels doing a quick change on stage into scariet punks. We get the old beliringing joke, and Mephisto takes over the conducting just before the interval tough on Oliver you Dohnányi, who does what he can with the empty score.

There's a slight danger in allowing Miles to mime extreme boredom during some of the worst love music and to read a magazine at the Classical Sabbath (could that privilege please be extended to the audience?), and if you send the Heavenly Host up skyhigh at the beginning, then doesn't the end seem even emptier than it already is? Minor quibbles: the piece doesn't deserve serious staging.

ficult to detect in the later one.

Earth Dances is a score that

heaves and shudders for near-

ly 40 minutes, going round in circles or striking off at tan-

gents without actually getting anywhere and presenting

such a consistently stony sur-

face that it offers little induce-

Indeed, for all Simon Rat-

tle's advocacy and all the City of Birmingham Symphony Or-

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nation to make the best of the

situation, it is a work that

shakes one's faith in Birtwist-

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The problem with Earth

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# Fighting talk at the Coliseum

n London's opera world the gloves are off. The Royal Opera is fighting fit again. Its grant has been boosted. Its new American boss oozes optimism. The £213 million redevelopment has garnered good reviews, and glamorous Antonio Pappano is signed up as music di-rector. Reduced ticket prices and tasty dishes have been an-nounced for the December reopening, And Covent Garden has even managed an imprecedented three-month period in which it has managed to out-

rage almost nobody.
But that has only brought out the fighting spirit down the road at the Coliseum. English National Opera has a crumbling theatre and financial hardships. But on Friday its general direc-tor Nicholas Payne — himself a Covent Garden escapee — threw down the gauntlet by an-

nouncing an extraordi-narily bold programme.
"I genuinely wish all the best to my old mates in their spanking new building," says Payne, without sounding undu-ly genuine. But I want to stress that ENO is putting on the most creative programme of opera to the largest audiences in the country: 86 per cent capacity in one of London's biggest thea-tres. We are offering 18 new stagings In 15 months. No opera house in the world is being as

In fact Payne has reserved his masterstroke for autumn 2000, the

productive as that."

very moment when the
Royal Opera will be launching
its first full season. That is
when ENO will pay a remark
able homage to "400 years of Italian opera", staging no few-er than ten new productions of Italian opera, from Montever-di to Dallaniccola, and perhaps even a new work. "Of course this is a statement." Payne admits. "It's saying: hey, look at us, we're staging far more interesting stuff than that lot up the road". But I also think it's a brilliant way to celebrate the millennium."

But how will the creaky old Coliseum cope with this quick succession of new stagings each by a different director? The trick is that one designer mastermind, Stefanos Lazaridis, will ensure that sets and lighting for each opera are distinctive without being logis-

tically disruptive.
"When I first talked to him." Payne says, "it was a depress-ing three hours, at the end of which he told me what a lousy idea it was. A week later he

Announcing 18 new shows, a big premiere and

the Ring, ENO is resolved not to be second best

zy idea of yours, I haven't been able to sleep for thinking about it. Lazaridis will make the sets "interlock", so reducing changeover time between shows. "It's what Peter Hall did at the Old Vic," says Payne. "You simply say no changeover more than hour and a half."

Payne: no other opera house is so creative

That's all 18 months away. But ENO's 1999-2000 season is not without thrills. Payne has talked the hot American director Peter Sellars into making his ENO debut with Nixon in China, the first time that John Adams's summing riese of modern mythology will have been staged in London. "He won't replicate exactly what he did with Noon before, but I wouldn't be surprised to see an airplane land on the Coliseum stage," Payne says.

Even newer will be The Silver Tassie, the premiere of-Mark Anthony Turnage's epic

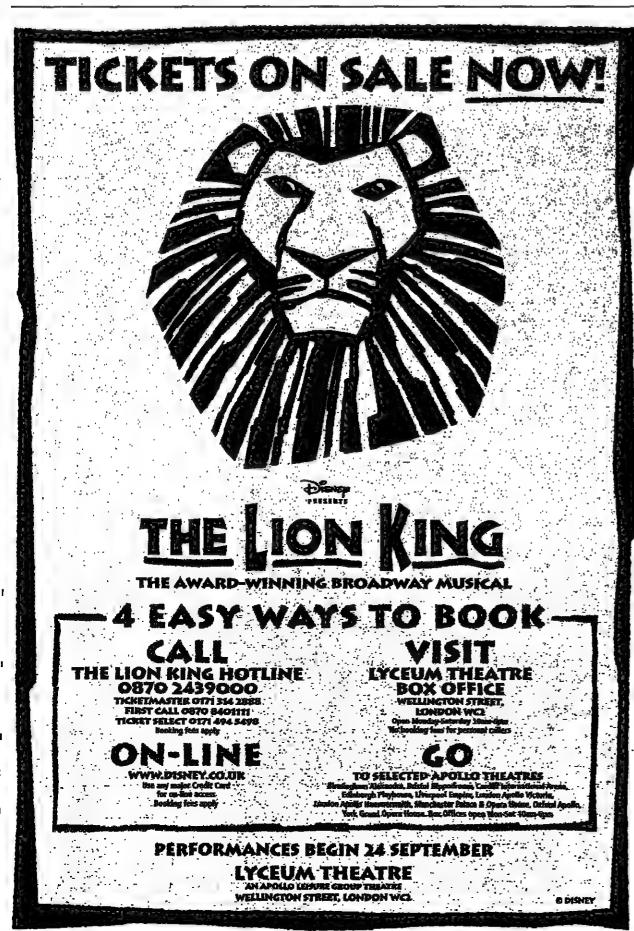
operatic version of O'Casey's First World War classic. Even now, 11 months before first night, the work is being workshopped at ENO's Studio. That allows performers to become familiar with Turnage's sounds, and the composer to change things that don't work. "I hope we will have a better opera as a result," Payne says. "It depresses me to think that at a time when the ENO management was very supportive agement was very supportive of new opera, so many unreviv-able things were premiered here. We hope the studio pro-

cess will change that." Elsewhere there will be two excursions into non-operatic religious works. Marking the 250th anniversary of Bach's death, his St John Passion will

be staged by Deborah Warner at Easter no year. Then Phyllida Lloyd will stage Verdi's Requiem to end the Italian season. Why? "Because the millennium is in the widest sense a religious festival - and, for many people, going to the opera is a kind of spiritual pilgrimage. Payne says. We are say ing: forget the normal barriers of opera; these are great dramatic piec-es, and great stories." What of later plans?

Payne is expansive and ever hopeful. He talks of collaborating with the National Theatre on a musical requiring big orchestra, singers and actors. The most popular at Opera North was Show Boat in collabora-

admits cheerfully. But he also has a dream of mounting a new ENO Ring cy-cle, conducted by the compa-by's vibrant music director Paul Daniel. They will limber up with concert performances from 2001, then stage it in big vocal guns for Wagner's marathon challenge? "On a long train journey a few weeks ago I took out a piece of paper and cast every role from sing-ers either in the company or working regularly with us." Payne claims. The Royal Opera clearly has no monopoly on positive thinking.



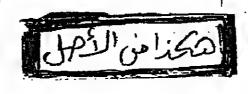
#### phoned me and said 'that cra-Sticky earth aving experienced The Triumph of Time as an icon of CONCERT the 1970s in the Towards the Millennium series last year. the Birmingham audience seemed reluctant to follow Harrison Birtwistle into the 1980s. Certainly, Symphony Dances was all the more acute in that it was preceded by So-fia Gubaidulina's Violin Con-Hall was far from sold on the opportunity to hear Earth Dances. Staying away, howevcerto. Offertorium, which is er, is probably better than wriggling, shuffling and coughing through the first half certainly and unmistakably inspired. It is true that, although it begins rather than ends with NEIL SIMON'S of the concert in uncomforta-Bach, it owes much to Berg, ble anticipation of the second. whose Violin Concerto is a perit is true that Earth Dances is not easy listening. Nor is sistent background presence. But whatever the faults of The Triumph of Time. But the earlier work does have a very evident strength of purpose, an underlying sense of direc-tion, an inevitability that is dif-

Offertorium, the long outpour-ing of solo melody in the last movement must be one of the most lyrically effective epi-sodes the 1980s have to offer. Had Kennedy been there to perform it, as originally scheduled, the audience might have been quieter, but one could scarcely have asked more of Vadim Repin than he actually gave in terms of commitment

and technical pressure. Kurtag's Grabitein Stephan was a brilliantly chosen opener for the concert. It offers little in the way of comfort, but it clears conventional modes of listening and thinking out of the way in no more than a few minutes.

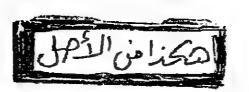
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Shades of Petula Clark: the charismatic Cerys Matthews leads Catatonia in concert at the Brixton Academy in London

# A surprising change of direction

t seems an age has passed since Catatonia released their second album. International Velvet, although it was little more than a year ago. At that point Finley Quaye had just tri-tumphed over Robbie Williams at the Brits, the Corrs were struggling to get their records played on the radio and the Welsh group fronted by the charismatic Cerys Matthews were still lumped in with second-division Britpop bands

such as Sleeper and Echobelly.

International Velvet turned Catatonia into a major attraction, and with a third album. Equally Cursed And Blessed, due in the shops next month, they are now striving for the sort of mainstream success that will put them on a par with the biggest household names in the land.

Musically, their strategy for achieving this involves playing to their pop melody strengths while toning down the guitar attack; and it was noticeable at their show how many of the new songs were delivered in a gentle, wistfully romantic vein that was some way removed from the band's brash, indie-rock origins.

Matthews has complained of feeling at times "like Robbie Williams's phoney niece", but as she steered the band through the mellifluous ar-

Catatopia Brixton Academy

ing melodies of Dead From The Waist Down, She's A Mil-lionaire and Valerian, she sounded more like a distant, eccentric relation of Petula Clark. These were good songs, particularly Londinium which offered a marvellously melancholy take on the speedy life-style which the capital imposes on insider and outsider

But the crowd, who were evidently more in the mood for a Friday night singalong and a bit of a bop, seemed rather nonplussed, and for a while the sound of the band was competing on roughly equal terms with that of the chatting at the

The tide was emphatically turned by a rousing version of International Velvet, in which the chorus — "Every day when I wake up/I thank the Lord I'm Welsh" — was enthusiastically, if implausibly endorsed by the voices of the great majority of the Brixton audience. From there, it was a straightforward canter towards the home straight with brisk ver-

sions of Road Rage, Sweet Catatonia and the anthemic Strange Glue working their al-chemy with dependable charm.

While the rest of the group provided an able musical accompaniment, their listless stage presence was distinctly uninvolving. Rarely lit. even when singing backing harmonies, and glugging on cans of beer while picking out one-note keyboard lines, they could have been in a rehearsal room, and seemed to have lost the will to claim any attention for themselves. Whatever their contributions to the writing and recording of the songs, the entertainment value of the show thus depended to a burdensome extent on Matthews.

Fortunately, she was up to the task. Dressed in a tight-fitting white top and a flowing, diaphanous red skirt, she per formed an intimate dance with the spotlight throughout, com-bining her formidable vocal prowess with an easy, earthy appeal.

A string of encores produced another quiet, new song. Bulimic Beats, this one with a courtly, Eastern frisson, followed by the show-stopping Mulder And Scully, an intriguing, if slightly uneasy contrast in tone and tempo which typi fied the show as a whole.

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Orange Tree, plane afoverhead en route to Hearnrow: as I walked away two hours later the sky was fust as (ii) close to gridlock, Imagine, then, what it will be like to live minal 5 is built. Go further, as . Jane Coles does in her new play, and imagine that it is the next century and the area has sprouted so many runways, arrival and departure halls, and underground shopping mails that Heathrow has become a vast city and London an enormous airport. What sort of effect will that have on the popu-

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Well, one of Coles's four characters commits suicide. two are serious head-cases. and the fourth is an airport apparatchik who appears to spend her days sending Somalis back to Africa to be killed. The trouble is that it is not only they who are being damaged by the ceaseless noise. pollution and stress. Both the play and Dominic Hill's production totter and reel and generally give the impression of

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having been bashed on the is a pity, for, unlike the novel, British drama seldom ventures out of the past and present into imaginative specilation and good paranoid fu-

The problem is not the world that Coles postulates. No fan of sci-fi will quarrel with her picture of a planet in worse shape than its own; newly colonised Moon, Your bank account clearly needs to be well in credit if you are to afford the health insurance, the legal fees, the pills and the weapons to cope with the violent gangs of marauding children, the cost of being falsely accused of crimes, the misery and, above all, the ear-splintering hubbub when you leave your flat or open your quadru-

ple glazing. No, the trouble with the play, apart from some gratui-

tously precious, fake-poetic dis-logue, is that it is hard to get a mental or moral purchase on its characters or care about their respective fates. Jeremy Crutchley's sour Cody, whose connection with the world consists mainly of photographing ny, is clearly out of love with the new century. But what motivates his wife, Amanda Royle's Leanne, when she gives him a "present" in the orm of a trainee air hostess called Tara? And what are we meant to make of Lucy Tregear's Susan, who doubles her job as an immigration officer with that of a social worker, keeping an eye on Cody?

Truth to tell, only one of these people comes across clearly and vividly; and that is Tara, who anyway behaves like a robot. As played by Sarah Tansey, she is a brainwashed ninny, an overgrown infant who hides her insecurity behind big smiles, verbal gush and do-it-vourself Christianity. There is an amusing scene in which, using her jumbo-jet skills, she overpowers Cody, and another in which



Close contact: Jeremy Crutchley and Lucy Tregear

plane crash. But is her callow delight in a "shining new century" that is the very opposite sufficient to sustain a scattered, disorientating evening? Not really.

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# Meaning lost in the wash sions to the boy, or to the girl, but then that she has sold

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hen a baffling play is badly acted the result can be swept down the oubliette and there's an end to it. But what about the baffling play well acted. the problem presented by this 1977 work by the Hungarian

Born in 1942, Jewish but christened, his work frequently banned until Hungary's tyr-anny eased, by which time he was almost 40. Nådas is surely writing of something beyond what appears to be going on. Zsuzsa, a servant, is dusting an empty room; Jóska, a her bottom; Klåra, her matronly employer, is dithering around them, allowing herself to be insulted, fondly indulging the lad in his foul talk and lustful ambitions.

He kicks a bucket of water over the floorboards but nobody minds, and soon he is helping Zsuzsa polish the glass doors. These open from one side of the room - set on a traverse stage — and allow a glimpse of the furniture piled up there and covered with dustsheets. On the opposite

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wall hangs a large photo of For a while the information

gleaned from their reminiscences holds together and could well be moving us somewhere, As Klara, Jeanne Henple (good to see her again) persuades us that her scatterbrained non sequiturs must connect at some undisclosed catastrophe or crime; Elizabeth Hopley (Zsuzsa), bold, brusque and watchful, reveals theories of servitude that hint at a hidden purpose: Joseph Traynor, in almost his first stage work, convinces us that the sensual bolshiness and fits of obedience naturally cohabit

within the same peasant skin. When Klara confesses that she too spent some time in service, and joins the others in the polishing, significant reve-lations look likely to arrive any moment. We gather that she proposes to leave her posses-

them all already. He fancies the girl but is prepared to fancy the woman. Zsuzsa speaks of her love for a succession of And then they scrub the they started this but they were

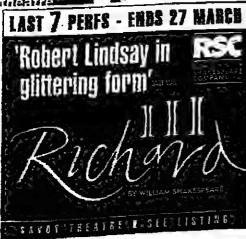
still at work 90 minutes after the play began. Starting at the foot of the photograph and moving backwards to the glass doors, imparting fragments of stories that never impinge upon the lives of the other two - telling the truth? Spinsay? I assume they are cleaning themselves of the past, although nothing in their talk confirms this. If the translation by János Bruck, who also directs, and Nicholas Le Prevost is faithful to the original, it is Nadas himself who chooses to leave us baffled. Never more so than when the dead husband emerges from the photograph and dries himself between the women, both of whom are now dead.

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# It's a fine old mess — but no new Reich

Britain could find a new role after

a week of European high farce

urosceptics can sleep securely in their beds. Sub-editors at the Daily Mail and The Sun can put away their Euro-bashing headlines. We are not about to be faced by an over-mighty Germany or by a European superstate. The reality is the opposite — confusion, uncertainty, weak leadership and introspection. The grand European vision of the Helmut Kanl era has been replaced by the tentative pragmatism of Gerhard Schröder.

The closer you get to Ger-man politicians — as I have just done during the annual the cloudier the picture becomes. Oskar Lafontaine's self-destruction has given Herr Schröder a second chance. But his position is very different from that of Tony Blair. The Social Democratic Party is still nearer to old rather than new Labour at the grass roots. While Herr Schrö der should be approved as party chairman-leader in three weeks, he will find it hard to impose his Neue Mitte-Third Way approach. The coalition itself also remains unstable.

The direction of policy post-Lafontaine also remains un-clear. The former Finance Minister fell both because he was never comfortable with the job and because he faced growing opposition from German business and in the rest

of Europe. But a strategy for deregulation and structural reform has yet to be developed.

In Europe also. the German hand is uncertain. Its willingness to bear sacrifices and pay costs in the name of Europe (or rather French farmers) is fast disappearing as national and taxpayer interests assert them-

Herr Schröder wants to reduce Germany's large net contribution to the European budget. This depends on reforming the budget and the common agricultural policy to permit enlargement without raising total spending. While farm ministers have agreed sizeable cuts in farm prices. the resulting connensation in cash to farmers would cost more. France has so far successfully resisted proposals for national governments to take up or co-finance part of this bill. And there is no agreement on a scheme for phasing out such payments over time, known to CAP buffs

as degressivity. Consquently, the package to he discussed by heads of government in Berlin this week is an unsatisfactory mess. There is not the political will to push through radical reform, but, unlike the 1980s, there is no real desire for an increase in the overall budget. The likelihood is therefore that enlargement to the East will be delayed by three or four years to 200o.

Similarly, proposals for closer integration are also likely to be pushed back. The launch of the cure will lead to closer ca-ordination of economic policies, but little more. Admittedly, Germany is keen to eliminate tax loopholes, and the position of the eurobond market in London has not vet been saleguarded, but there are no serious proposals for general tax harmonisation.

The spectre of a European superstate can be left to the lurid fantasies of Bernard Connolly, Indeed, the latest furore over the European Commission will further limit grandiose ambitions. There will now, quite rightly, be a big push for reorganisation and strengthening safeguards against fraud. There are doubts about how deep the changes will be, and about how tough Romano Prodi might be as a reforming President, but the Commission has been humbled

These developments are mixed news for the Blair Government, The likely failure to agree any more than an interim budget deal is a setback. But it has also eased immediate pressures for Britain to renegotiate its rebate. Sceptics should be reassured that no one in the Government, including the most pro-European, is willing to put the rebate on the table. While it is a bit far-fetched to present this as a principled stand, Britain's net contributions do remain disproportionate to our rela-tive wealth. Underlying this is the lear that any concession will be presented by the Tories and the sceptic press as "sell-ing out Britain", even though

the sums might be small. British policymakers also see cracks in the Franco-German relationship which has

driven European developments for nearly half a century. Tensions in the farm talks have created doubts in Paris. There is also not the personal closeness or automatic identity of interest of the Schmidt-Giscard or the Kohl-Mitterrand years.

Consequently, while publicly denying any intention of weakening the Franco-German axis, the British Government is keenly building up links with France on European defence (after the St Maio declaration of late 1993) and on economic reform

with Germany (to be reflected in a Blair-Schröder statement in about a month). British-German relations are undoubtedly closer, especially post-Lafontaine, than for a very long time. Cynics will argue that the Foreign Office is playing its favourite, and ultimately futile, game of trying to play off Paris and

Bonn, since at the end of the

day France's relationship with Germany always takes precedence over other links. There is, however, at least an opportunity for Britain, if not to take a "lead" in the cliched way, which is impossible outside the euro, to play a more positive and influential role. Mr Blair has shown this in his response to the Commission debacle. Gordon Brown has a similar chance, especially if he could learn to treat his fellow finance ministers more as partners than opponents. The dramas in Europe of the past fortnight - and with more dangerous ones to come

soon in Kosovo — could mark a turning point, not in fulfil-ment of the scepus' fears and hopes but towards a Europe where Britain is at last at

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# A choice of two evils

arly in 1956, Tennessee Williams wrote a letter to the young Ken Tynan, who was already a leading international theatre critic. He commented on the work of Elia Kazan, who had produced most of his plays on Broadway. "We just don't have another director over here with his way of bringing a script to violent. brilliant life."

Ken himself had been a great admirer of Kazan: in 1950 he thought that his production of Arthur Miller's Death of a Sales man was "the best he had seen since the War", but he later came to feel, as is quoted in Kathleen Tynan's Life, that Kazan had "come to worship energy for its own sake".

We cannot recapture Elia Kazan's work as a stage director, but he also made important films, including East of Eden and A Streetcar Named Desira. He was given an honorary lifetime Oscar last night - subject to any protests that may have been made after this article went to press. One of his films is among the greatest ever made, up there with Citizen Kane. That is On the Waterfront and in it Kazan directed the best performance Mar-Ion Brando ever gave.

On the Waterfront was made in 1954; it is a tough, social-realistic film about life on the docks. Kazan has been a lifelong liberal; he is a man of the Left. The film is also a moral polemic. The argument is that there is a duty to oppose evil, in this case gangsters with union links, even if it means betraying friends, relations or personal obligations.

The date of the film is significant.

In 1952 Elia Kazan appeared before the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities. There he not only stated that he had once been a member of the American Communist Party but also named eight other people who to his knowledge had also been members. That damaged and may have ruined their careers. On the Waterfront is Elia Kazan's answer to E.M. Forster's observation that, if faced with the choice between betraying his friend and betraying his country, he hoped he would have the courage to betray his

I went to the United States on several visits in the 1950s. I even corresponded with Senator Joe McCarthy's office, though for the innocent journalistic purpose of obtaining copies of his speeches. He was, in my view, a cheap demagogue and, in some of his dealings with the US Government, a blackElia Kazan's betrayal of his friends

was the act of a man caught in the moral dilemma of his times

mailer. The leading figures in the Un-American Activities Committee were also demagogues, though less formidable. Richard Nixon, who focused on the Hiss case, was a more serious figure. Every liberal in the United States maintained that Alger Hiss was innocent. We now know beyond doubt what the evidence showed then, that Hiss was a Soviet agent from the 1930s, comparable to Kim Philby.

in the early 1950s the Cold War had reached an early but critical stage, the communists had taken

over China, Berlin had been blockaded, the atom spies had been arrested, the Korean War was being fought. The Cold seemed quite likely to lead to a Third World War, in which nuclear weapons would be used. No one in

1950 could be sure that the Soviet Union would be contained, that communist power would not gradually erode the free world.

Not surprisingly, American opin-lon was extremely anxious. One of the achievements of the Eisenhower presidency was that the line against Soviet expansion was held, and American opinion was stabilised. The situation in 1961, when Eisenhower left office, was in every way better than in 1952, when he was

The Kazan dilemma was complicated by this contrast between the reality of the Soviet threat and the hysteria it had produced. If Kazan is to be criticised, it is not for rejecting communism, nor even for fighting communism by naming its supporters, but for naming them to a headline-seeking committee. Did not his evidence add to the

hysteria: I think that argument against Kazan is too delicate. It supposes that the battle for minds was one between gentle-minded left-wing scriptwriters and sinister demagogues who were misleading the American people. That was not the case. A few of the Hollywood victims of McCarthyism may have been wholly innocent; more were recklessly gullible: at least a few were fully aware of their Soviet commitment and its implications. The real battle of the 1950s was between American democracy and Soviet communism. The American Communist Party was on the Soviet

Infantile leftism is the best excuse one can make for American commu-

nists of the 1930s and 1940s and their contemporary and later sympathisers.
One should not suppose that these fellow-travelling Hollywood scriptwriters knowingly sympa-thised with the KGB, Beria, the starvation of the Ukraine, the purg-es, the Nazi-Soviet pact, the Katyn mas-

sacre, the gulags. the anti-Semitism, the cult of personality, the corruption of culture and art, or the other horrors and crimes of Stalin's genocidal regime. Yet they were objectively

furthering all these causes. Perhaps they did so with their eyes shut, though I can remember Oxford leftists at that time who would glibly talk of the need to break eggs if one was to make omelettes. By breaking eggs, they meant killing people, or putting them in camps.
The German sociologist Max

Weber in The Sociology of Religion offers an explanation of this betrayal of human values by relatively large numbers of people in the intellectual professions; it occurred both in America and in Europe. The intellectual seeks in various ways . . . to endow his life with a pervasive meaning, and thus to find unity with himself, with his fellow men, and with the cosmos . . . as a consequence, there is a growing demand that the world and the total pattern of life be subject to an order that is significant and meaningful." Whatever else may be said against

Stalin, no one could deny that he

provided an order that was signifi-cant and meaningful. So, for that matter, did Hitler.

To Kazan, one may assume, the evil of Stalinism completely outweighed the evil of McCarthyism. He made his choice a few years after the war, but it is a characteristic wartime choice of preferring the lesser to the greater evil. In war, victory can be achieved only by attacking the enemy wherever he can be found.

The members of the American Communist Party, whether gullible, mere "useful idiots" in Lenin's phrase, or aware of what they were doing, were objectively on the side of Stalin. If Kazan saw them as a legitimate target of disclosure, was he wrong? An American constitu-tional writer, Walter Berns, commented on a Supreme Court judgment: "Free speech turns out to mean that it is worse to suppress the advocacy of Stalinism or Hitlerism than to be ruled by Stalin or Hitler."

n continental Europe there are still some people on the Right who do not wish to speak ill of Nazism or Hitler. They have considerable political weight in Austria and some in East Germany and France. Such people scarcely exist in the democratic life of Britain or the United States, though there was that half-cracked candidate for Governor of Louisiana who used to give a party on Hitler's birthday.

Far larger numbers on the Left, in all these countries, do not like to speak III of Soviet communism. They will not accept the comparison between Hitler and Stalin; they think one can distinguish between good genocide and bad genocide. Among the parties of the Left, far too few have ever apologised for their traditional sympathy for the Soviet Union, which was extended to Stalin himself. In 1945 even the British Labour Party campaigned under the slogan: "Left can speak to

I feel uneasy about the people who wanted to remain as closet communists. Surely, by 1952, they should have realised what an evil regime they had supported, or still did support. I feel even more uneasy about people of the modern Holly-wood Left, who still think it was wrong for Kazan to name names. They would not feel the same about former Nazis. Elia Kazan named people who were the American foot-soldiers of Stalinism. For him it was a moral issue: it still is.

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# What a cop-out

UNDERCOVER police officers have been running up large bills at Mirabelle to catch Marco Pierre White serving after-hours drinks at his Mayfair restaurant. But the clandestine operation has so far proved an abject failure: sitting among the establishment's regulars, such as Mick Jagger, the Duke of Mariborough and Liam Gallagher, the representatives from the local constabulary are spotted faster than it takes to sear tuna.

Pierre White's restaurant first came to the attention of the authorities in a newspaper review towards the end of last year after Lord Lloyd-Webber mentioned that the place was "buzzing at lam". Sadly, the composer had not known that the joint is supposed to call last orders at midnight and ensure that diners have finished their drinks at

In the latest "test purchase", two bobbies dropped round last Thursday, and a couple of hours later had little change left over from the £300 allocated from petty cash. Pierre White's garçons slavishly indulged the pair's palates until the dot of midnight when they made a grandiose point of calling time and began ushering the officers to the door.

SUCCESS in the movies hasdemanded that Rachel Weisz, pictured, acts as if she is in a Japanese game show. Recalling The Mummy, her latest flick, she says: "I was handcuffed to an altar in a rodent-infested



cemetery, with live rats clambering all over my body for a whole week. Another time, I had live locusts poured over my head and entangled in my hair."

WHEN some of Labour's more chippy backbenchers saw an unattended Jag breaking parking rules they looked forward to indulging in a spot of class warfare. Assuming that such imperious behaviour could be displayed only by an old Tory stalwart, they gleefully shopped the owner to the police.

Their catch turned out to be far greater a prize than they had ever imaged, however. As the motor was about to be towed away, the MPs were delighted to see Barbara Follett, a colleague and wife of the millionaire novelist, jump into the driver's seat and speed away.

ANTONIO BANDERAS is to face the wrath of Michael Crawford fans. The Michael Crawford Phantom Movie Campaign has taken out a full-page ad in today's Daily Variety to complain that the matinée idol rather than the original star will be the lead in the film of Lord Lloyd-Webber's singalong. Behind the mask, can one tell the difference?

IF WE'RE SO CLEVER HOW COME WE'RE STUCK IN HERE?



A Liberal Democrat MP is challenging Sir Winston Churchill's legacy. Norman Baker, whose only claim to fame is as Parliament's most prolific question-setter. wants the lifts at Westminster to go faster. Baker says: "Unless you are one-legged, it is quicker to walk. Churchill had the lifts slowed down because they made him feel sick."

MICHAEL HARDERN, the eccentric freelance butler caught riffling through the Prince of Wales's private letters at Highgrove, is promising to disclose all at a press conference today. After Morton and Hewitt. there surely cannot be too many royal secrets left.

LORD HEMPHILL has made a strong case for reform of the Upper House without opening his mouth. Since inheriting his title in 1957, he has not uttered a single word in the chamber. Hemphill. however, attended 101 days in the last session. allowing him to claim up to £14,140.

JASPER GERARD

# 'The idea that the Russians are more sexually easygoing than we are is misleading — they may be, but they pretend not to be'

t seems unfair on the unsuspeeting Russian television viewer that he should be subjected to video footage such as that aired last week of the repulsively unattractive Prosecutor-General cavorting in his underpants with two prostitutes. It feels like only yesterday that we were forced to look at page after page of full-colour photo-graphs of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, everybody's favourite ultra-na-

tionalist, in his. The day after the not-so-surprising revelations about the Prosecutor, the Russian newspapers went out of their way to back the portly Yuri Skuratov. even taking it upon themselves to suggest that he should run for

President Now that he had proved himself to be a real all-drinking all-fornicating married man of the type Russia so obviously needs, he might as well pitch in

with the best of them, was the ling Russia leave with

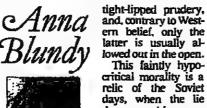
line they took.

There was a kind of "good on yer" attitude abounding in the press. The country's fat old men (and there are plenty of them) were assumed to be looking on enviously and wishing they had the power and the money to do the same, and Russia's women apparently smiled on indulgently as if to say "boys will be boys". It seemed that anyone who admitted to being shocked that the man in charge of law and order in Russia would behave in such an unseemly fashion was a

prude and a bigot. English press reports set out to assure readers that Russians are not as consorious as the inhabitants of the loggy Albion and that any sex scandal here can only enhance a politician's reputation. Russians, it was suggested, approve of sex more than we do. Certainly most foreigners visit-

an impression of sexual licentiousness, and wonder at the level of personal freedom in a country so long considered by the West to be officially averse to pleasure of all kinds. As a Russian friend once told me: "That was all we ever did under communism. It

was legal and free." There was no contraception to speak of and Russian women subjected themselves to a ghastly average of three abortions each in a lifetime. But that is not to say that attitudes really were more liberal. Part of the reason that contraception was so scarce is that a pretence was always maintained that free sex was not going on. In Russia a certain degree of sexual liberalism goes hand in hand with



latter is usually allowed out in the open.
This faintly hypocritical morality is a
relic of the Soviet days, when the lie that everything was for the best in the best of all possible worlds was maintained on many levels. Under

ern belief, only the

communism, teenage couples kept quiet about their sex lives and married early, often as a result of an unexpected pregnancy. Fidelity was (and is) considered a bizarre Western notion, like teetotalism or pacifism. But these couples retained their moral purity in society's eyes by getting married, and only then did they go on to have illicit affairs. The idea that

Russians are more sexually easy-

going than we are is misleading — they may be, but they pretend not to be. While Russian voters do seem to appreciate manliness that borders on machismo in a leader, and while they are always glad to know that the boss is, or was, a bit of a ladies' man, they do not want to be told how to live their lives by someone like the Prosecutor-General, who openly humiliates his wife and who uses the services of prosti-

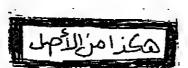
Q ussians may despise Americans for their per-Americans to there are ceived prudery (there are hundreds of unprintable Russian jokes involving chilly American women and passionate Russian men to attest to this), but their most popular politicians are, as in America, happily married with children.

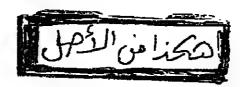
Boris Yeltsin himself was involved in a bizarre scandal in the

late 1980s in which he is said to have fallen into the Moscow River. But it was the suggestion, and only the suggestion, that a jealous husband might have been involved that the Russian public appreciated. Had a jealous husband and an unfaithful wife actually emerged, it is likely that Mr Yeltsin's reputation would indeed have been damaged. (Valentin Kovalyov, the former Justice Minister, was sent packing in a sex scandal very similar to last week's sordid

offering.) While Russians may have a reputation for a greater accept-ance of sexual misdemeanours, they prefer, like the rest of us, that such indiscretions remain private. We can nod and wink about them, but to flaunt them is no more acceptable here than it

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They should not. It is a curious feature of

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# THE THIRD TEST

The euro must be a durable success that has popular support

Politicians are skilled at painting silver linings round the blackest of clouds. Their instinctive reaction to the most violent storm is to declare, waving even as they drown, that it has "cleared the air". Voters, who understand this game perfectly, have put their own gloss on the claims in European Union capitals that the shipwreck of the European Commission was a European "success", a date with destiny triumphantly met by the European Parliament and, in Tony Blair's words, an "opportunity to be seized". Dry-eyed, they ask why, when their governments knew that these stables were waist-deep in muck, they - and Strasbourg's coddled MEPs -

had not picked up their shovels long ago. The truest note struck last week was the evident public satisfaction at this humbling of the over-mighty. It reveals the deep unpopularity of "Brussels", as a force that affects people's lives without them being

able to do anything about it. Political elites should listen hard; for popular revolt could also be the faie of the euro, if the jobs, growth and all the other good things promised in its name do not materialise.

FIVE TESTS That brings us to the third FOR EUROPE test that must be met before

calling a British referendum on EMU. The first two dealt with the high tax, high cost "European social model" and the risks to Britain of entering a eurozone burdened with unsustainable pensions and welfare costs, over-regulated labour markets, excessive state intervention and public spending

- and armies of unemployed. Our third test has a political dimension; the euro must work smoothly to the benefit of all and have clear public support. When elites talk about a "successful" euro, they mean that it will be stable, relatively strong, and a catalyst for political union. They take the popularity or monetary union for granted.

the euro notes to be introduced in 2002 that the buildings they depict do not exist. To avoid national associations, a sort of architectural Year Zero blanks out Europe's varied cultural inheritance, the streets people walk, the cathedrals of their faith. This disconnection from the world people actually live in works both ways. Eurostat opinion polls show that of those who welcome the curo, only a quarter claim to know how EMU will work. Instead of uniting Europeans, there is thus a risk that a single currency could divide them. How many voters yet realise that if governed? Will they like it when they do? Provided EMU gives a powerful boost to eurozone growth and jobs, people may conclude that the gains outweigh the loss of national control. But as our earlier tests show, that will require radical welfare and labour reforms that will be painful,

unpopular — and blamed on the euro. Above all, a single interest rate will work well for all only if each country's business cycles and economic profiles are convergent - something Germany has failed to achieve within its own borders in the decade since unification. Success would bring its own problems, exaggerating both booms and busts; but the eurozone is miles from converging now. The last thing booming Ireland and Spain need is lower interest rates, while the Germans are gasping for them. Ironing out asymmetric shocks will be much harder in the eurozone

than it is in the US, where federal tax revenues account for 20 per cent of GDP. Only 1.26 per cent of GDP flows to Brussels; and the common agricultural policy devours half the EU budget. Under EMU, a government can no longer set its interest rates or exchange rate targets. That leaves only taxes and

public spending. But France and Germany are waging war on fiscal flexibility; and the stability pact is designed to stop countries spending their way out of trouble.

By 2001 or 2002, when Mr Blair hopes to call a referendum on EMU, it should be clearer whether the euro has stimulated, or stymied, structural reforms. But it will be impossible to know whether the euro is proof against economic shocks. Any objective test would have to cover a full economic cycle. And it must be met not just in the view of economists, but of the public.

A single currency without a single government is terra incognita. If it is felt to impose more pain than gain, eurozone voters can no longer change policies by electing a new government. The conse-quences could be explosive. EMU could generate social unrest, national tensions and a backlash against the EU itself. The economic risks of EMU have been the more fully rehearsed; but the political ones could prove the more deadly. As Mr Blair told the Commons last month, EMU "is an intensely political acr. But that is why he was so wrong to say, in the same breath, that his Government had "resolved the political issues", in favour of joining, "should the economic tests be met". The has irreversibly changed the way they are political issues are anything but resolved.

### **CREDIBILITY CONTEST**

A difficult by-election beckons for Blair and Hague

In ordinary circumstances a mid-term by-election for a Parliament in which one party enjoys a 179-strong majority would not be especially consequential. The manner in which Fiona Jones lost her seat in the House of Commons and the margin of her victory two years ago means, however, that the electors of Newark are destined for considerable analysis. In very different ways this contest represents a test of credibility for both the Prime Minister and . the Leader of the Opposition.

When Ms Jones was convicted on Friday. the first reaction of many at Westminster was a certain sympathy. Although she has become the first MP disqualified for fraud in 75 years, few doubt that Britain's extraordinarily restrictive constituency spending limits were breached by scores of candidates in marginal seats at the last election.

Subsequent developments suggest, however, that this affair was not an isolated incident but part of a wider picture of alleged impropriety and apparent fratricide within the East Midlands Labour Party. Numerous complaints were made to the Labour Party's National Executive Committee but it refused to take action. The NEC may now suspend the whole Newark Labour Party, impose its own by-election candidate and hold an inquiry. But this will not mitigate its failure to act sooner. This is the sort of murky factionalism that Tony Blair has attempted to persuade the public that he had eliminated. or at least confined to a few urban enclaves. As he is aware, much of his own party remains his most pressing electoral liability. This by-election will inevitably put Labour sleaze in the spotlight.

William Hague, on the other hand, needs to show that he is not a liability to his party. With the exception of the Uxbridge poll, held only one month after he had replaced John Major, the Conservative performance in the few by-elections of this Parliament has been unimpressive. Mr Hague's associates are already attempting to play down expectations. This is a doomed exercise. If the Tories cannot capture a seat that requires a mere 3 per cent swing in a scandal-stained situation, their chances at the next general election will be even

poorer than they currently appear. There is little point in the Tories trying to persuade anyone that for them the Newark contest is unimportant. A Labour victory would set into sharp context the several hundred gains that the Conservatives should make, at a minimum, in local government elections this May. Those seats were last fought in 1995, the low point of Tory fortunes this century. Mr Hague does not want the European elections in June to become some sort of referendum on his leadership. A clean win in Newark would avoid that. Mr Blair, by contrast, needs to prove that the Jones saga does not show another unseen side of New Labour.

### LORDS OF THE AIR

The triumphant balloonists point the way to new challenges

More than two hundred years since Joseph off from the Alps 21 days ago. But their and Frience Montgolfier sent a sheep, nerve, their skill and their good humour and Etienne Montgolfier sent a sheep. duck and a rooster aloft in a balloon over Versailles, the nine-tonne Breitling Orbiter 3 yesterday touched down gently in the Great Sand Sea, a desolate expanse where few men have trod since a sandstorm swallowed up the army of Cambyses some 2,500 years ago. The Montgolfier flight began man's quest to the farthest reaches' of the heavens, culminating in the landing on the Moon. Yet balloon flight itself remained tantalisingly circumscribed. Explorers went ever higher and further in their precarious gondolas; but they never managed to travel beyond the oceans that divide the world. Circumnavigation of the globe remained the ultimate challenge, and one that, until yesterday, had eluded more than haif a dozen enormously expensive

Jaded, perhaps, by highly publicised expeditions that ended in watery failure, the world paid little attention to Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones when they lifted

have won them the admiration and praise of enthusiasts and rivals alike, as well as a place in the records of human daring. For Mr Piccard, there is an added sweetness to his achievement: his grandfather Auguste was the first man to reach the stratosphere. in a balloon in 1931 and his father set a record in 1960 for the deepest ocean dive.

The race to circle the world is won; and Britain can take pride in a ballooning instructor whose quiet grit has beaten the better known attempts of Richard Branson to win the \$1 million trophy. But Mr Branson, generous in his congratulation. insists that the game is not over: he will now sponsor a round-the-world race.

There are still new frontiers to cross: no one has yet touched the floor of the deepest. oceans, sledged across the Bering Strait or swum the Atlantic. Mankind will seek new feats of daring and endurance; for now it can rejoice in the triumph that began in Paris all those years ago.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Ambiguity in GE food assurances

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace UK

Sir, Neither better labelling (leading article, March 197 nor some deal to halt commercial planting of genetical-ly engineered (GE) crops in the UK for a few years will give people the real choice of not eating GE food. Only a permanent ban will do that.

Labelling will not remove the 80 per cent of processed food from the big food manufacturers on UK supermarket shelves that contains GE ingredients. These ingredients still pour in unchecked week after week through UK ports. Even with a moratorium, we risk irreversible and uncontrollable contamination of the environment from field trials in the UK and commercial planting elsewhere.

We are faced with one of the most important and urgent choices of our time: whether we want increasingly industrialised and engineered food or more natural and more organic food. British people have already made their choice clear.

If British people are to retain their right to choose, the Government must at least match the current rate of growth for organic agriculture in the UK with the rest of Europe. If current rates continue, 30 per cent of agricultural land in Europe will be farmed organically by 2010. The UK, with less than I per cent of land currently farmed organically, lags behind.

Yours sincerely.
PETER MELCHETT. Executive Director. Greenpeace UK. Canonbury Villas, NI 2PN. March 19.

From Dr Mark Avery

Sir, Ministers have repeatedly assured the public that they will not permit widespread commercial releases of genetically modified crops unless field trials show that these crops are environmentally safe. The Government's research will not be complete before December 2002; yet ministers steadfastly maintain that commercial release is possible as early as next spring. This policy confounds good science and common sense; the research must come first and should in-

form subsequent government actions. Perhaps something more subtle is oing on. The Government might allow the sale of the products from the field trials themselves — effectively a limited commercial release. This would explain the apparent contradicwould justify ministerial denials that this week's leaked Cabinet Office memo refers to an extended voluntary ban on commercial releases (report, March 16). If this explanation is correct, it raises the questions of how extensive the trials will become and where the boundary between "limited" and "full" commercialisation lies.

The public should not have to speculate on such important issues. The Government should state its intentions dearly.

Yours faithfully. MARK AVERÝ (Director, Conservation), The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SGI9 2DL. March 16.

### Shopkeeper's dilemma

From Dr Kenneth Mole

Sir, Once again the Government has rushed thoughtlessly to grab populari-

It is only from the media that our village shopkeeper (his viability, unlike that of supermarkets, already weakened by a forced £90 contribution to food-safety administration) has learnt of a possible fine of £5,000 for non-disclosure, as from today, of the presence of more than I per cent of GM ingredient in the food he sells. How is he supposed to know what science cannot sensibly measure?

I hope he will survive by putting in his window, today, a postcard:
As far as I am aware, everything I sell here, from toothpaste to deep-frozen curry, contains at least I per cent of GM material.

Yours sadly. KENNETH MOLE. The School, Buckhorn Weston. Gillingham, Dorset SP6 5HS. March 19.

### Cash in hand

From Mr Keith Chambers

Sir. Although one cannot avoid having sympathy for the employment situation at Longbridge (report, March 19), it is not hard to grasp the irony of British taxpayers being asked by BMW/Rover to put money into the firm so that it, in return, can charge them some 50 per cent more for some of its products (report, March 18) than people in other countries.

Yours faithfully, KEITH CHAMBERS, 19 Hill Road, Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7HS.

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### 'Superior alternative' to A levels

From Professor Sir Hermann Bondi.

Sir, I am delighted that you gave pride of place (report and leading arti-cle, March 18) to Sevenoaks School's switch from A levels to the International Baccalaureate (IB). This excellent and demanding examination is much superior in coherence, depth and

breadth to A levels. Atlantic College, that superb inter-national school in South Wales, pioneered the use of the IB in this country. Some other schools also use it with success. Many universities are by now well used to it. May the IB go from strength to

strength! Yours faithfully, HERMANN BONDI,

Churchill College

Cambridge CB3 0DS. March 18. From the Principal of United World College of the Atlantic

Sir. It is clear that the Government's new policies for post-16 education are a significant change to the principles of the narrow A-level programme.

Its practical proposals, however, may just not quite achieve its aims. The IB is a tried and tested system which has the very things the Government is seeking. Sevenoaks and perhaps Winchester have spotted this, as have many other schools and col-leges in the UK, not all of them, by any means, in the selective, public school arena.

Atlantic College saw the light in 1971 and has 5,000 IB "graduates". IB is elegant, it works, and its students are prepared for testing university programmes in the UK and beyond. In Wales there has been much interest in a Welsh baccalaureate proposal which builds on the IB to include vocational aims as well — the much searched-for overarching qualification.

The Government is to be praised for its first tentative steps and perhaps soon it will have the courage to go that little bit further.

Yours sincerely, COLIN JENKINS, Principal, United World College of the Atlantic, St Donat's Castle, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan CF61 IWF. March 18.

From Mr Michael Tiley

Sir, The majority of sixth-form pupils at Malvern College, as well as at Sevenoaks School, take the IB and may well be joined by those at Win-chester and other independent and state schools. Those schools will be at an unfair disadvantage if your annually published league tables of school exam results do not include the IB as well as the A-level results.

At LSE we include our A-level and 1B entrance requirements for undergraduate courses in our prospectus. Surely the time has come for an authoritative body, such as the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service or the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, to produce a reliable table indicating the equivalence of GCE A levels. Scottish Highers and the IB for the guidance of schools, universities and employers.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL TILEY (Head of College Careers Service), London School of Economics, Room E388. Houghton Street, WC2A 2AE. m.tiley@lse.ac.uk March 18.

### Access to legal aid

From the Minister of State in the Lord Chancellor's Department

Sir, It is simply not true, as Benedict Birnbirg states (letter, March 10), that the Government is withdrawing legal aid from most money claims, or that as a quid pro quo for the withdrawal of legal aid we are allowing lawyers to use conditional fees. We believe that as conditional fees have been available since July 1995 for personal injury cases they now provide a suitable alternative to public funding for most of these cases. We intend to use the scarce taxpayers' money to target be able to get help, including bringing money claims, in the areas of social welfare, housing and enforcement of

It is inaccurate also to suggest that large cases, such as that recently brought against the tobacco companies, will not be able to be brought in future because lawyers will not be willing to bear the risks of litigation. One of the reforms we are making in

the Access to Justice Bill is to allow

funding to be given to cases which might not otherwise merit support if they raise a wider significant public We have also recognised that in

some cases it may not be possible for the lawyer or the client to bear the risks of using conditional fees, initially at least, where there are high investigative or overall costs. We intend to make public funds available in meritorious cases. We are determined to make the

establishment of the Community Legal Service a reality in order to give people a new way of getting legal help. That will require lawyers to change the way they do business and undertake work that is publicly funded. We simply have to reform legal aid and the way legal services are provided if we are to make access to justice not simply a slogan but a

GEOFF HOON, Lord Chancellor's Department, Selborne House. 54-60 Victoria Street, SWIE 6OW. March 15.

little success.

### Banana dispute

From Mr Brian Griffin

Sir, The banana war highlights the failings of both the UK and EU authorities (letters, March 5, 8, 10, 12). That the EU and the US should have failed to resolve a disagreement in over six years is astonishing, even by

the EU's standards of inactivity. The imposing of sanctions by the US (tariffs by any other name) which disproportionately affect the UK, its oldest and most trusted European ally, must rank as one of the gravest political errors of the Clinton Administration. The tariffs show no logical commercial or economic sense.

Tony Blair's contribution has been to guarantee the bonds payable by the cashmere industry, whilst virtually ignoring the needs of the rest of the UK's exporters. The timing of the guarantee, made whilst he was on a trip to Scotland where he is in political trouble, suggests it was not quite the genuine gesture it seemed.

To a small company, encouraged by successive governments to expand and export, the current situation only proves that while under old Labour it was "export or die", under new Labour it is "export and die".

Yours faithfully, **B. GRIFFIN** (Director), Beamglow Ltd. Somersham Road, St Ives, Huntingdon PE17 4LP. March 18.

From Mr Peter Ryan

Sir. The banana crisis in the Caribbean is the second major farming

trade, and one replacement crop will inevitably be cannabis, already grown on some islands. The State Department must be aware that a sharp increase in drug smuggling will result from backing the Chiquitas, Doles and other US firms who already have most of the banana market. The EU cannot replace the

PETER RYAN, 44a Fellows Road, NW3 3LH. March 13.

### Women priests

From the Reverend Jean Mayland

Sir, No one wants to drive George Austin, Edwin Barnes or John Shead out of the Church of England (letters, March 9; see also letters, March 4, 12. According to the conscience clauses of the measure which made provision for the ordination of women to the priesthood, parishes do not have to receive women priests and male priests do not have to work with them. There is plenty of time for consensus to be reached. We women priests have lots to do in the meantime.

What we cannot accept is the right of parishes to refuse to receive their Industrial Development Organisa-tion to find saleable crops. The domestic market is mainly hotels, empty May to November. Exports of

problem for the Caribbean islands.

For two decades they searched for

alternative crops to cane sugar, with

I spent 1983-89 in the Caribbean

partly in helping the United Nations exotic fruits must travel by air. The US prevents exports of citrus. Mango exports are impractical because of complex non-tariff barriers. The climate is unreliable and too hot for many crops. Plant diseases are rife. Insects, slugs, monkeys and drought destroy many crops.

Bananas grow on poor, steep land, unlike in Central America and Ecuador, which is why costs are high. Shipping to Europe involves a com-plex, tightly scheduled system collect-ing from Dominica, Grenada, St Lucia, and St Vincent. This will now collapse. Unemployment on these islands is already over 30 per cent; outside the tourist season more than 50 per cent.

"Dollar bananas" will kill this banana trade any more than it could replace the loss of sugar exports.

Yours faithfully.

### own bishop simply because he has

ordained women and to demand to have a "flying bishop" instead.

The Act of Synod, which makes provision for these bishops, has not promoted harmony but entrenched division. As it is so divisive, as well as being ecumenically objectional, untheological and doctrinally debatable, it is high time it was rescinded and flying bishops became ordinary bishops with more conventional ways of working and methods of transport.

Yours faithfully. JEAN M. MAYLAND. 125 Thanet House, Thanet Street, WC1H 9QE. March 17.

#### Pinning down a culture of racism

From Ms Beverley Thompson

Sir, Michael Gove writes in defence of public services, and in particular the police, against the accusation of institutional racism (Tories have no right to be silent", March 16). He says that the Macpherson report "seeks to damn without securing what any court would require before pronouncing guilt - clear evidence of motiva-

. I observed the Stephen Lawrence inquiry and gave evidence on behalf of NACRO on the issue of institutional racism. The fact that "motivation" is absent does not prevent an institution from performing in a way that

has racist consequences. This is not limited to police officers' greater readiness to perceive young black men as suspects rather than victims. The police service, in com-mon with other criminal justice agencies, fails to recruit anywhere near the proportion of racial minorities equivalent to the population at large, especially in London. Officers from racial minorities who are employed have not reached senior ranks in numbers which reflect their pres-

ence in the general population. Five times more black young men are stopped and searched than any other group. But the arrest rates are the same for this group as for any other. The Metropolitan Police's own report on stop and search acknowledged that racial stereotypes play a part in the disproportionate use of

these powers. When the outcome of institutional processes such as these has a racial dimension, and one group is consistently disadvantaged compared with others, that becomes racism of an institutional kind. We urged the inquiry to recommend that checks should be put in place to ensure that equality was achieved both in police employment and in the service that the police

deliver to the public. Michael Gove suggests that the inquiry was successful only in proving incompetence. The question that the inquiry had to address was, why were so many officers so incompetent? If the same question is ever raised again the police service must be able to show that the reason is not indifference to the needs, hopes, fears and concerns

of racial minority groups. To its credit, the police service seems to be recognising this. The standard which must now be achieved applies to every single agency.

Yours faithfully, BEVERLEY THOMPSON (Director of Strategy). National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. 169 Clapham Road, SW9 0PU.

From Mr Ralph Blumenau

March 17.

Sir, Since the Macpherson report's inappropriate ascription of "institutional racism" to the police, we have had it ascribed, equally sweepingly, to schools: and today (article, Law) Maria Fernandes and Anuja Dhir

apply it to the legal profession. Lawyers of all people should use words more carefully, and should be able to distinguish between "institutional racism" and a "racist culture within an institution". The former is properly used where institutions have racist rules - as in Nazi Germany, in apartheid South Africa, or in clubs which used to have formal rules excluding groups from membership on

racist grounds. A "racist culture" does pervade parts of many institutions which are formally committed to racial equality. That is utterly deplorable and needs to be eliminated; but at least the term does not taint entire institutions. many of whose members actively implement and promote a non-racist culture.

Yours faithfully, RALPH BLUMENAU, III Princes House, 50 Kensington Park Road, W11 3BW.

From Professor Kenneth Minogue

Sir, "Half the trouble in Brussels, as at the UN, is the practice of allocating jobs and contracts by national quotas. not merit." writes Simon Jenkins

("Derail the gravy train", March 17). No doubt. And is not this the same policy which is being urged upon the police, the theatre, the legal profession and many other areas of life — in the name of combating "institutional

Yours faithfully, KENNETH MINOGUE, Centre for Policy Studies, 57 Tufton Street, SWIP 3QL March 17.

### Thought for the day

From Mrs Heather Berger

Sir, Mr David Cowan (letter, March 18) congratulates you on your choice of I Timothy vi, 7 as a suitable text

around the time of the Budget. Perhaps those same words - "and we won't take anything with us when we leave" - could find a place in the service contracts of the next European commissioners,

Yours sincerely, HEATHER BERGER, Kirkton Craig, Abernyte, Perthshire, PH14 9ST. bergerh@cwcom.net



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 20 The Duke of Edinburgh. President Emeritus. World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, this morning departed Bayanga Airstrip, Central African Republic, and arrived at Nsimalen Čivil Airport, Yaounde,

His Royal Highness today departed Nsimalen Civil Airport for Gabon.

The Duke of Edinburgh later arrived at Libreville Airport. Gabon, and attended a Lunch with President Bongo at the Presidental Palace, Libreville, Gabon. His Royal Highness this after-noon departed Libreville Airport

for Gamba. The Duke of Edinburgh later arrived at Gamba Airport and carried out a Field Trip in Petit

BUCKINGHAM PALAÇE March 20: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, attended the Final Freedom March and Regimental Reception for the 3rd Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment, at Lichtield. Staffordshire BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 20: The Duke of Edinburgh. President Emeritus of the World Wide Fund for Nature -WWF International, today carried

out a Field Trip in South West

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 21: The Princess Royal, President. Shire Horse Society. accompanied by Commodore Tim othy Laurence, Royal Navy, this morning visited the National Shire Showground, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgshire (Mr James Crowden).

Royal engagements The Prince of Wales, patron, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Ethiopian Challenge 1999 Expedi-tion, will attend a reception in aid of the expedition at St James's

The Princess Royal, patron, the Butler Trust, will attend the annual award ceremony at Buckingham Palace at 11.30; will open Hil Homes new nursing home, Bridge-side Lodge, in Wharf Road, Islington, London NI, at 3.00; and, as natron, Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, will attend the launch of the Gerald Durrell biography at HarperCollins, 77-85 Fulham Palace Road, London SW7, at

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Sir Anthony Van Dyck Sedgwick, geologist and dalesman, Dent. Yorkshire, 1785; William I. King of Prussia 1861-88. German Emperor 1871-88, Berlin, 1797; Carl Rosa, founder of the opera compa ny bearing his name. Hamburg. 1842; "Chico" Marx, actor and omedian, New York, 1891: Nicho-1910: Gerard Hoffnung, artist, humorist and musician. Berlin, 1925. DEATHS: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, Weimar, Germany, 1832: Thomas Hughes, politican and author of Tom Brown's Schooldays. Brighton, 1896; Frederick William Farrar, writer of school stories and Dean of Canterbury 1895-1903, Canterbury, 1903; Michael Todd, film magnate, killed in an air crash. New Mexico.

Recause of a drought the American side of the Niagara Falls ran short of water, 1903.

The first cabs with taxl meters began operating in London. 1907. Dachau concentration camp. a former First World War munitions factory near Munich, was opened,

#### Reception

Her Majesty's Government

Palace at 5.30.

The Secretary of State for Defence. the Right Hon George Robertson, MP, and the Chairman of the National Employers' Liaison Committee, Mr John Bridgeman, TD, DL were hosts at a Reception held at Lancaster House on March 17. 1999, in recognition of Employers' support for The Volunteer Reserve Forces of the United Kingdom. The Chief Executives and senior members of many companies and organisations, together with members of the regular and reserve forces were among the guests.

Earlier, the Prime Minister presented a Certificate to Canon (UK) Ltd. the 6.000th organisation to declare its support for th Volunteer Reserve Forces. Mr Robertson presented further certificates at the Reception.

Mr Nigel Kent-Lemon A service to celebrate the life of Nigel Kent-Lemon will be held on Friday, March 26, at noon, at Holy Trinity Brompton, Knightsbridge.

### Nature notes

The first sand martins are are repairing their big, domed coming into Britain, after their nests: they fly clumsily with flight over the Sahara. On sticks as long as themselves in arrival, they twist and flutter over lakes and rivers catching flying insects. The males then go back to their colonies in

quarries and sandbanks. where in a week or two they will be flying round their nest holes and singing to attract a mate. There was an

The sand martin influx of great grey shrikes into Britain last week, probably birds on their way to Scandinavia. They are silvery-grey with black wings and eye patches, and a stout. booked beak for killing small-

their beaks. Many more blackbirds are now singing: they answer each other with rich. flutey cadences from

garden walls at dusk. The folded leaves of wood sorrel have broken through the leaf litter in the woods: this is one of the few flowers that

flourishes in shade. The small white flowers of barren strawberry are open on wet hedgebanks, and the first waxy yellow flowers of marsh marigold, or kingcup, are unfolding among their shiny leaves er hirds and mice. Magnies at the edge of ponds. DJM



John Heathcote, of Devon Orchids, admiring one of the thousands of orchids that were on display at the RHS's Westminster show

# Dazzling display of orchids great and small

Birthdays today

Mr George Benson, singer and

guinarist. 56; Viscount Boling-broke, 72; Mrs Beny Callaway, ice-skating trainer, 71; Miss Sheila

Cameron, QC, Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury, 65; Mr

Philip Ely, former President, Law Society, 63; Mr Brian Hanrahan, broadcaster, 50; Mr D.C. Ingman,

former chairman, British Water

ways Board, 71; the Very Rev Law-

rence Jackson, Provost Emeritus of

Blackburn, 73; Professor Harry

Kay, former Vice-Chancellor, Exe-ter University, 80: Lord Lloyd-Web-ber, 51; M Marcel Marceau, mime artist, 76; Mr R.P. Mardling.

Principal, Queen Elizabeth Gram-

mar School, Wakefield, 55; Mr Alan Opie, baritone, 54; Mr Charles

Pick, publisher, 82: Sir Lynden

Pindling, former Prime Minister of

the Bahamas, 69: Professor Wil-

liam Ritchie, Vice-Chancellor, Lan-

caster University, 59; Mr Paul Schockemöhle, showjumper, 54;

Mr William Shatner, actor, 68: Mr

Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist, 69: Professor Sir Colin

Spedding, chairman, Council of

Science and Technology Institutes,

74; Lord Stokes, 85; Mr Leslie

Thomas, author, 68; Admiral Sir Richard Thomas, 67; Professor Sir

Leslie Turnberg, former President,

Royal College of Physicians, 65; Miss Fanny Waterman, concert

pianist and teacher, 79; Professor

Sir David Watson, director, Brighton

University, 50: Sir Peter Williams,

chairman, Oxford Instruments, 54:

Miss Priscilla Yates, a former Direc-

tor, Royal Academy of Dancing, 52.

By Alan Toogood HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ORCHIDS range from plants so small that a magnifying glass is needed to appreciate them, to giants several feet across carrying hundreds of blooms. Such was the diversity at the Royal Horticultural Society's London orchidshow. One of the tiniest plants. Trichocentrum capistratum, from Costa Rica, shown by Ric Neiryock.

an amateur grower from Belgium.

also claims the title of one of the rarest

orchids. Mr Neirynck is propagating

it for conservation purposes.

A memorial service for the Earl of

Devon was held on Saturday in Exeter Cathedral Canon K.C. Parry, Precentor, officiated, assist-

ed by the Dean of Exeter who said

the bidding prayer, and the Rev

Raymond Webber, Rector of Pow-

Michael Warney, grandsons, gave readings and the Earl of Devon.

son, gave an address.
The Bishop of Exeter pronounced the blessing. Lady Kather-

ine Warney, daughter, sang a solo. The Rev Peter Dawkes and the Rev

William Cowlan were robed and in

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of

Devon and the Countess of Iddesleigh, and the High Sheriff of

Devon and Lady Day, attended.

Arnong others present were:
Lady Eleonora Coursensy, Lady Rebecta
Coursensy, Mr. Jereny and Lady Rebecta
Wharton and Mr and Mrs Michael Watney
furandehildrent, Lady Ruse Berger, (sepdaughter), Mr. Bernard and Lady Paulina
Hadiley isnessovio-law and sep-daughter),
Lady Mary Coursenay, Lady Gabrielle
Coursenay and Lady Angela Horsley (siters), the Countess of Devon (daughter-inlaw), Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ansey, Mr. and
Mrs. Paulin Penfold, Mrs. Michael Ansey,
Mrs. David Scott-Langley, Mr. and Mrs.
Rapper Clatterbook, Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Horsley, Mr. and Mrs. William Horsley, and
other members of the family.

The Chairman of Devon County Council.

The Chairman of Deven County Council, the Vice-Chairman of Teignbridge District Council, Lacutestant-Colonel A J M Drake

irepresenting the Coldstream Guards), the Res Roy Tennant and other friends and

ives of organisations cod

Among others present were:

Lord Courtenay and Mr

derham, who said prayers.

The Earl of Devon

The largest plant at the show, held in Westminster over the weekend, was a Coelogyne cristata "Glacier Mint" in the competitive section. At over a

Memorial services

Lord Dunsany

A memorial service for Lord

Dunsany, former Grand Bailiff of the Irish Bailiwick of the Military

and Hospitalier Order of St Laza

rus of Jerusalem, was held yester-

day in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Dublim.

The Very Rev Maurice Sawart, Dean of St Parick's Cathodral, officiated, assisted by clergy of various denominations. Mr Patrick Falloon and Mr William Monagomery read the lessons. Sir Richard Reane gave an address. Shella Lady Dunsary, widow, Lord Dunsary, 100. with other members of the family; the Duke of Westminster, the Grand Secretary General Commander of the Military and Hospitalier Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalerts representing the Grand Master, Knights and Dunser of the Order the Grand Babiff of the Irish

Memorial meeting

A memorial meeting for Naomi

Mitchison, Lady Mitchison, was

held on Saturday at University

College London Professor the Hon Denis Mitchison, son, Ms Jenni

Calder, Mr Alen Oman, Dr the

Hon Dame Anne McLaren, FRS.

Mr Martin Pick and Baroness

Williams of Crosby were the

Dr Graeme Mitchison, grand-

son, keyboard, played Jerusalem. Members of the family, friends

and representatives of UK universi-

The Paramount Chief of the

Bakgatla held a candle light vigil

ties were present.

in Borswana.

Naomi Mitchison

metre in diameter and with almost 1,000 white flowers, it won a first prize for David Oakey, of Doccombe, Devon. The show was supported by exhibiters from around the world. Warrnam-

bool Orchids, of Victoria, Australia, staged a collection of Dendrohium cuthbertsonii, a miniature orchid from New Guinea in various colours, which makes an ideal houseplant. Part of the rarely seen slipper orchid

(Paphiopedilum) collection from the French Senate's Luxembourg Garden in Paris, was staged at the show. The collection, started in 1859, is the most important collection of slipper orchids in France. The exhibit, the first in England, ranged from old to modern hybrids, mostly bred at the garden. Another French exhibitor, Vacherot et Lecouffe orchids, of Boissy, was awarded a gold medal for a dazzling display of hybrids which included brilliant orange Cattleya "Golden Girl". Motes Orchids, of Florida, featured blue vandas bred mainly by Dr

Martin Motes. Many were of a very desirable deep violet colour, such as the hybrid "Indigo". Among the large displays of popular

hybrids from British growers, gold medals were awarded to Ivens Orchids, of Sandridge, Hertfordshire; McBean's Orchids, of Cooksbridge, Sussex, which featured cymbidiums, including the new "Giant Peach" with extra large peach-coloured flowers; and Orchid Answers, of Almodington, West Sussex, which included a centrepiece of masdevallia hybrids from the

United States, whose small brilliantly coloured flowers have elongated petals.

A gold medal was awarded to Johan and Clare Hermans, of Enfield, Middlesex, for a collection of photo-

graphs of rare Madagascan orchids. They were staged with an exhibit of endangered plants by Malala Orchids of Madagascar, whose propagation programme will help to save many species, including the comet orchid with pale lime-green flowers.

Artists awarded gold medals were Mr O. Q. Whalley, of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (paintings of the Andean orchids of Peru), and, for a ioint exhibit of orchid paintings, Gillian Barlow and Ann Swan, of London, and Pauline Dean, of Guild-

# Latest wills

Michael Denison, the actor, of Amersham, left estate valued at £69,000 net. He left his whole assus to his wife, the actress, pinywright and authorius Dulcie Gray, whom he married in 1939.

Sir Geoffrey Hirst Bateman. surgeon, St Thomas' Hospital, London, 1931-71, of Petworth, Sussex, left estate valued at £615,103 net.

Baroness Craighton, of Wraysbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £449,914 net. She left 55,000 each to WW-UK, Jersey Wild Life Preservation Trus. Fama and Prote Preservation Society: £2,000 each to Barmando's, Age Concern, and the RSPCA: £1,000 to Wraysbury parish council: £500 to Wraysbury parish council: £500 to Wraysbury parish council: £500 to Wraysbury parish council:

Lady Lloyd, widow of Sir Robert Lloyd; of Upton Wir-ral, Merseyside, left estate valued at £543,285 net.

She left shares in her estate between the National Trust, Wordland Trust, Royal Cramtonwealth Society for the Billind, Age Concern, Save the Children Fand, WwF-UK, RSPB. Cheshira Residental Homes. Gulde Dogs for the Billind. Church of England Children's Society. Hoyfake Cottage Hospital Trust, Wirral and Cheshre Bedger Group, National Craitic Defense League, Dunkey Sanctuary and Propiets Trust for Endangered Species.

Lady Peppiatt, widow of Sir Kenneth Peppiatt, of Beaconsfield. Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £162,864 net. She left £500 to the PCC of the Parish of Perish Burkinghamshire. John Abraham, of Clapham, Bedford, left estate valued at

Russell Sydney Blackwell, plant hire contractor, of Rowhedge, Colchester, left estate valued at £1,608,225 net. William Edwin Frederick

Kent, left estate valued at E1,914,527 net James Nicholas Taylor Channer, of Amersham, Bucking-

Caston, of Plaxtol, Sevenoaks,

hamshire, left estate valued at £1.696,580 net. Arthur William Cooke, of Cringleford, Norfolk, left estate valued at £1,300,724 net.

Reginald George Cowley, of Calverton, Milton Keynes, left estate valued at £1,069,490 net. Christopher Joseph Dear, of Solihull, left estate valued at £1.077,113 net. Clifford Ebbs, of King's Lynn,

Norfolk, left estate valued at £1,760,077 net. Anne Mary Geddes, of Up-

wey, Weymouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,141,269 net.

### Church news

Canon David Keith Gillett, Principal of Trinity Theological College, Bristol, and Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral, has been appointed to the Suffragan See of Bolton (Manchester diocese), in succession to the Right Rev David Bonser, from March 31.

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr H.D. Bamforth and Miss C.C. Sweeting The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Dr and Mrs. John Bamforth, of Bassett. Hampshire and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sweeting, of Ashley Green. Buckinghamshire.

Captain M.J.M. Clifton, RDG. and Miss G.E. Bailey
The engagement is announced Matthew James, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Clifton. of Oxford, and Grace Elizabeth, younger daughter of Ms Kirsty Bailey, of Plymouth.

The Rev R.E.M. Dowler and Miss A.A. Tims

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr Robert Dowler, of Buston, Derby-shire, and of Mrs Catherine Chalker, of Highgaie, London, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Hilton Tims, of Kingston Hill.

Mr S.H. Gibson and Miss L.C. Squire The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Jack Gibson, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Lyndall, daughter of Mr Martin Squire and the late Mrs Celia Squire, of Eastleach, Gloucestershire.

Mr B.S. Hart and Miss P.J. Segrove The engagement is announced between Bryan, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hart, of Sevenoaks, kent, and Philippa Jane (Pippa), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Segrove, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, Mr LW. Netheles

and Miss S.A. Parkes The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Peter Nettleton, of North Dalton, East Yorkshire, and Mrs Jane Waite, of North Ferriby, East Yorkshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Parkes, of Welton, East Yorkshire. Mr D.M. Turshish

and Miss P. Hamilton-Dick The engagement is announced between Daniel, only son of the late Bennett Tarshish and of Mrs

Sally Jeffrey, and stepson of Mr Stewart Jeffrey, of Oxford, and Pamela, elder daughter of Mr and Nent. The marriage will take place in New York. Mr J.A. Turton and Miss J.M. Oldfield

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr Harry (Dick) Turton and of Mrs Christine Turton, of Romsey, Hampshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Oldfield, of West Wittering, West Sussex. Mr P. Waugh

and Miss F.L. Rivers

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Pauline Waugh, of Rochdale, Lancashire, and Frances, daughter of Tom and Isabel Rivers, of Deddington,

Service dinner Southampton University

Lleutenant Commander DJ. Wyatt presided at the inaugural Southampton University Royal Naval Unit alumni dinner held on Friday at the Dolphin Hotel, Southernoton, Rear-Admira J. Chadwick, Flag Officer Training and Recruiting, also spoke,

### School news

Abingdon School A reunion dinner for Old Abingdonians who left Abingdon between 1956-1970 will be held at the School on Friday, May 28, 1999. The Headmaster. Mr Michael St John Parker, the OA President, Mr Terence Libby and former members of the Common Room will attend. Further details may be obtained from the OA Administrator at the School, Telephone 01235 529517.

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God in his mercy has given us this work to do, and so we are not discouraged. 2 Corinthians 4.1 (GNB). BIRTHS

BURT - On March 12th, 1999, in Johannesburg, to Sally ince Selby - Lowndesi and Lyndon, a son. Felix CARRINGTON - On 17th March 1999 at the John Radeliffe Hospital to Alexandra ince Juddi and

Michael, a son, Henry Alexander MaGuire, a brother for Anna. FOWLER WATERS - On the and Richard, a daughter. Hartiet

NEMETH - Andrew and Penny are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Nicola Sophie Nemeth on the 17th of March 1949

DEATHS

BANNISTER - On March 19th Reverend Edward Bannister aged 93 formerly Vicar of Funeral Service at St Stephen's Church. Sparsholt on Tuosday March 30th at 2:30 pm. flowers. Donations. if flowers. Donations, it desired, to Friends of Winchester Carbons Winchester Cathedral c/o Ino Strel & Son, Chesit House, Winchester

COLE - On March 18th 1999 pracefully at home, Irene, aged 86 years. Widow of Licut - General Sir George Cole, beloved mother of Jane and Peter and much loved grandmother of Jane and Peter and much loved grandmother of Annabelle, Robert, Alison and Alexander and great grandmother of Alice. Puneral service on Friday March 26th 12.30pm at the Church of The Good Shepherd. Pyrford. Surrey Enquirtes and flowers to G Boutell & Son, tel 01932 345037 or denations to The British donations to The Brit

URRIE - Margaret, widow of Major Allau P Currie M.C Peacefully at Dr Gray's Hospital. Eigin. on 18th March 1999, .god 95 Devoted mother. provided mother, grandmother and great grandmother Funeral private at her particular request. Family flowers only

LAWSON - Kenneth Alexander aged 72 of Wincanton, Somerset Memorial service at St Nicholas Church, Silton, Dorsel on 25th March at 2.30 pm

WILHOUSE - Kit. Peacefully on March 15th 1999 at the on March 15th 1899 at the Priory Hospital Birmingham, in her 92nd year. Funoral Service at Kelsale Parlah Church Suffolk, on Friday March 26th at 2 pm. Family Howers only, donations made payable to Kolsale Church c'o Tony Browns Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk 1915 101

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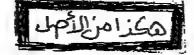




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Ernie Wise, OBE, comedian, died yesterday aged 73. He was born on - November 27, 1925.

t their peak. Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise were probably Britain's best-loved entertainers. Their inimitable comic double act was forged in the variety hails and reached its triumphant maturity in the very different and more demanding medium of television. Its success was founded on superb technique: perfect timing, an ability to breathe fresh life into familiar gags and routine; and a talent for blending moments of inspired improvisation with material that was carefully polished and minutely rehearsed. In all they were together for 43 years.

They started as conventional crosstalk comedians in blatant imitation down to the American accents -- of the film comics, Abbott and Costello. But has the act developed, so it became more than an exchange of jokes, and the key to this was that Morecambe and Wise assumed distinct personalities.

It was a happy fusion of contrasting temperaments. Eric was ebullient, volatile and mocking; Ernie quieter, steadier, trying to stand on his dignity. But Wise was not just the straight man, the butt of insults about his meanness, his short, fat hairy legs and the join in his (imagined) wig: his contribution to the act was both positive and indispensable.

He was born Ernest Wiseman in Ardsley, near Leeds, the son of a railway porter and eldest of five children. His father was a spare-time entertainer in the Yorkshire working men's clubs, and Erme, who showed an early aptitude for singing and dancing, joined him on stage from the ge of seven in an act called Carson and Kid.

Leaving school at 13. Ernie was put under contract by the impresario Jack Hylton, and first met Eric Bartholomew - later Morecambe - when the two of them appeared in Bryan Michie's show Youth Takes A Bow, at the Swansea Empire. Eric's mother took the boys under her wing and the

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double act was born on a train journey between Birmingham and Coventry during the Blitz; in its early incarnation it involved a clog dancer and a boy with a lollipop. "Wiseman and Bartholomew" was too long to fit on a biliboard. They thought of calling themselves Morecambe and Leeds, but decided it sounded too much like a cheap day return.

They were separated by National Service - Ernie serving in the Merchant Navy, Eric as a Bevin boy - but happened to meet in Russell Square in 1946 when both were looking for work. They were soon appearing in Lord George Sanger's Variety Circus, and their act developed from there, serving a tough apprenticeship as comic relief in mude shows, in pantomine; and summer seasons and on radio.

By 1952 they were appearing regularly on radio, and two years later were given their own television series, Running Wild. But they had come on too quickly: Running Wild was panned by the critics and was a setback from which they took several years to recover. But time was on their side they were not yet 30 — and they were able to go back to the variety stage to build up experience. They starred at the Palladium in 1959. Both had married in the early 1950s, Wise after a six-year courtship. Wise's wife, Doreen, often went on tour with the act

In 1961 they were ready to take another chance with television, and this time they did not falter. Helped by sympathetic scriptwriters in Sid Green and Dick Hills, The Morecambe and Wise Show for ATV quickly found a successful format and grew steadily better. The series ran for seven years; the stage work continued; and there were also regular trips to the United States to

appear on The Ed Sullivan Show.
Many of their catchphrases — "Get out of that" or "What do you think of it so far?" -- were dreamt up on the spot as one or other of them struggled to get out of a mess.

During the 1960s they also made three films, The Intelligence Men. That Riviera Touch and The Magnificent Two, though like many comedians

# **ERNIE WISE**

found themselves ill-used on the large screen. Then in November 1968 all activities ceased when Morecambe suffered a serious heart attack.

After his recovery, and with Eddie Braben as their new scriptwriter. Morecambe and Wise went on to fresh heights. A highlight of the television year was their Christmas show, in which unlikely guests from Dame Flora Robson to Glenda Jackson and André Previn would happily let their hair down and join the fun. Even the former Prime Minister Harold Wilson appeared in a sketch, and half the population amed in.

Although their names were forever paired in public, Morecambe and Wise did not spend much time together socially. Wise, unsurprisingly, was the business brain of the partnership, organising deals with agents. He had always dreamt of the Hollywood life over the rainbow, and enjoyed the trappings: the swimming pool, tennis courts, a yellow Rolls-Royce and a motor cruiser moored on the Thames which flowed past the end of his garden. "Oh yes, I like goodies," he

y the early 1970s More-cambe and Wise were at their creative peak, glorious-ly inventive and drawing huge audiences. But television is a relentless devourer of material, and presents the constant danger of over-exposure. Even More-cambe and Wise were not immune, and from 1974 they decided to ration their appearances.

Less work should have meant more leisure time, but Wise found relaxing difficult, having had a sense of responsibility for earning money since childhood. "My whole life has been Morecambe and Wise," he said. "I have no hobbies."

Their Christmas show of 1976 caused an extraordinary fuss, because of the then unprecedented appearance of a newsreader, Angela Rippon, in the glamorous role of a dancer showing her splendid legs. A BBC journalist lost

before them Morecambe and Wise his job for leaking a picture of the said found themselves ill-used on the large legs to the Daily Mirror, but the nation was delighted. Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise were both appointed OBE that year.

The following year their Christmas special attracted a record 27.5 million viewers, but in 1978, after a decade with the BBC, the duo moved to ITV, trebling their money. "We get luncheon vouchers here," Eric told the press. And Ernie added that the real reason they had left the BBC was that Des O'Connor had joined. "When he leaves up well a lone heek." leaves, we will go back."

But Morecambe's health could not be taken for granted. In 1979 he had another heart attack and although open heart surgery proved temporarily successful there was some doubt whether Morecambe and Wise would perform together again. They did eventually resume, but some of the old sparkle was missing. Morecambe was taken ill again in the autumn of 1983 and he died in May 1984 aged 58.

This left Wise with the difficult task of trying to build a solo career, and it had to be seen whether he could successfully strike out on his own after so long in partnership. He quickly undertook a tour of Australia, saying that he needed to prove something.

Proud of what he had achieved, Wise

was anxious to be appreciated as a comic in his own right, and disliked the term "straight man". He was, he insisted, "a song and dance man". What he would have loved most of all was a solo success on Broadway, or a romantic hit record. Both eluded him, but he threw himself into pantomimes and commercials, West End roles, sitcom and talk-show appearances, a part in an American TV show. There was plenty of charity work, too, and he even became the gardening correspondent of the News of the World. Without Morecambe, however, as deep down he knew, Ernie Wise was only "half a star". He suffered a stroke in 1993 and retired on his 70th birthday. A series of

strokes and heart attacks followed. Ernie Wise was married in 1953 to Doreen Blyth, a former dancer. She survives him: there were no children.



Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise: a happy fusion of contrasting temperaments

# PATRICK HERON



Patrick Heron with the stained glass window he designed for the Tate Gallery, St Ives, 1996

critic, died on March 20 aged 79. He was born on January 30, 1920. or a few years in the late 1950s, St Ives was an important centre of interna-

Patrick Heron, CBE, paigter and

tional contemporary art. A group of adventurous and experimental artists, including some born locally, were stimulated by its mimate and geography as well as Aware of what was going on in Paris and New York, they nevertheless relished the personal support that an arrists' colony can provide. In this artistic climate of self-respect and self-confidence, stimulus and freedom, Patrick Heron was a key figure, both as a painter and as a theorist.

In the end St Ives - like Paris could not compete with the aggressive promotion of postwar American art, and was soon displaced by New York as the centre of contemporary painting (an idea perhaps believed more in Europe than in America itself). But that in no way invalidates the art made in the Cornish harbour town. Whatever the ultimate judgment on Heron's own paintings of vibrant colour, he was undeniably vigorous in maintaining that self-respect and selfconfidence in subsequent years, when the St Ives school had disintegrated and the pressure on at students to "paint American". vital moral and artistic support to many British artists setting out on their careers.

Yet there was nothing insular in Heron's outlook, quite the reverse. In a career lasting some sixty years, he never wavered in his belief that colour should be "both the subject and the means, the form and the content, the image and the meaning" of his art. That was not a recipe for easy success in an English art world which bad

sometimes behaved - and still behaves - as though serious painting comes only in shades of brown, and where "decorative" is a term of rare abuse. In the best of his own zestful canvases, and in his many eloquent essays on the European and American painters he admired, Heron was a persuasive champion for a warmer, more vital, most unBritish kind of art.

Patrick Heron was born in variously at St Ives, Welwyn Garden City, and St Georges. Harpenden. His father was a textile manufacturer who in 1929 founded Cresta Silks. Paul Nash. Cedric Morris and other artists designed scarves and fabrics for the firm, as did Patrick from 1934. onwards. Thus strong clear, flatcolour, and a decorative sense more French than English, were familiar to him from boyhood; and from the age of five to nine, when the family lived in West Cornwall — Newlyn, Lelant and St Ives - the strong light and clear colours of the region offered a natural reflection of the printed fabrics. The winter of 1927-28 was spent at Eagles Nest. Zennor, where Patrick made his first drawings at the age of seven: the house was subsequently to become his home from 1956.

Heron enrolled at the Slade School of Fine Art as a part-time student from 1937 to 1939 but did not complete the course. During the war, as a conscientious objector, he worked as an agricultural labourer from 1940 to the end of 1943 (when his health deteriorated). But then Bernard Leach, the potter whose St Ives pottery was short-staffed, persuaded the authorities to release two ex-art-student conscientious obectors to help him. Heron and Dick Kendall were allocated to him, and Heron worked at the pottery from January 1944 to April 1945. There he met and made friends with artists including Barbara Hepworth and Ben Nicholson, Naum and Miriam Gabo, Adrian Stokes, John Wells and Sven Berlin.

Marrying in 1945, Heron-moved to London and resumed painting. He showed at the Redfern Gallery from 1947 to 1958; it was at this gallery that he had seen Matisse's painting The Red Studio, which he said was for him the most influential single painting of his career. His own style, however, was at the time more on the lines of the later work of Georges Braque (whom he visited in 1949): a modified Cubism where many spatial glimpses of various facets of a scene are defined and linked by a flowing framework of continuous lines: though the colour was generally stronger and nearer to that of Matisse. A typical example of this period is Harbour with Two Figures: St Ives from July 1950. now in the Tate Gallery's collec-tion. From 1947 to 1955 Heron rented a studio-cottage on the sea

wall at St Ives. At the same time he had begun writing art criticism: from 1943 to 1947 in the New English Weekly, and then regularly from 1947 to 1950 in the New Statesman and Nation. He became an influential voice, much appreciated by artists, who enjoyed the unfamiliar luxury of art criticism by a practising artist. His own painterly inclinations at this time are evident in his choice of subjects for criticism, and in the strength of his intuitive response to their work: he wrote important articles on Picasso, Leger, Matisse, Rouault, Vlaminck, Bonnard, Braque, He was also influential in introducing the St Ives artists to a wider public, with articles on Bernard Leach, Peter Lanyon, Ben Nicholson, Bryan Winter, Roger Hilton and John

Wells. Heron was eventually dis-missed as regular critic for using the

concept "pictorial space" too often.
In 1952, the year Heron had a
retrospective exhibition touring the
North of England from Wakefield, he began to experiment with more "abstracted" painting. (He differentiated between abstracted - taken from nature — and abstract, which he considered a false term, more correctly rendered as non-representational.) However, it was not until 1955 - when he wrote The Changing Forms of Art, curated an exhibition of five figurative and five abstract painters at the Hanover Gallery under the title Space in Colour, and became London correspondent for the New York magazine Arts (a post he held until 1958) that he properly took up abstraction, notably in Autumn Garden of 1956 inspired by Eagles Nest, and featured by Sir Herbert

tion of that year. In 1957 he painted the first of his

horizontal stripe paintings, which he always regarded as predating those of the Americans such as Kenneth Noland and Morris Louis. These were first shown in an influential exhibition, Metavisual, Tachiste and Abstract Painting in England at the Redfern Gallery in 1957, the first show to reflect the Expressionists shown at the Tate the year before, when they had stunned many British artists with their scale, their originality, their simplifications and their inventive daring. Heron came to know personally most of the leading American artists, and their leading theorist Clement Greenberg, though he was to be a far from uncritical admirer of their work. Heron's stripe paintings were

followed by rectangular patterns of verticals and horizontal which he himself called "fractured tartan". Then in 1958 - when he took over Ben Nicholson's large studio at Porthmeor — the rectangles, along with discs of colour, began to float like islands of colour in seas of colour; the colours took on the radiant, saturated intensity of Matisse's collaged cut-paper paintings. but the borders between the colour areas were less defined, and sometimes jagged with hints of Cornish landscape about them; Heron called them "wobbly hard-edge".

As the years went by and new art. movements sprang up, Heron's contribution to artistic debate, once he had given up regular criticism. was of necessity through his own paintings: though he reverted to print from time to time to take vigorous issue in letters and articles on vital matters such as art education, or threats to his beloved

Cornish coastline. "It is obvious," he wrote in the 1960s, "that colour is now the only

Read in his Critic's Choice exhibi- direction in which paintings can travel." He found the format of floated colour which he had evolved a sufficient vehicle for the continuing investigation of colour sensations, only moderating this in the 1980s when he took up the subject of gardens again, employing first a more detailed, meticulous style, and later a much freer -

and more appealing — gestural and calligraphic approach. If Heron's work was often undervalued or overlooked by those who subscribed to the latest artistic fashion, his self-confidence was unaffected. There were undoubtedly years when he wrote much more about other people's painting than anyone wrote about his own. This was not an indication of decreasing effectiveness, however, the paintings he made around 1972, for instance, though out of step with much of the art of the time, are among the best of all his work; and the exuberant canvases he produced in his very last years could stand comparison with anything he had done.

In the ideal museum of 20th-century art, his best colour paintings will be on the wall between those of Matisse and those of the Americans Mark Rothko, Ellsworth Kelly, Kenneth Noland and Barnett Newman - with the German Expressionist Emil Nolde not too far away. And there they will continue to sing.

Patrick Heron had retrospective exhibitions at the Whitechapel Gallery in 1972 and at the Barbican in 1985. Another, his biggest, was held at the Tate Gallery last year. and a volume of his selected writings on art was published to accompany the exhibition. He was appointed CBE in 1977, and served as a trustee of the Tate Gallery from 1980 to 1987.

Patrick Heron married in 1945 Delia Reiss: she died in 1979. There are two daughters of the marriage.

### LORD GILLMORE OF THAMESFIELD

Lord Gillmore of Thamesfield. GCMG, Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth

Office, and Head of the Diplomatic Service, 1991-94, died of cancer on March 20 aged 64. Lic was born on August 16, 1934.

avid Gillmore had an unusual diplomatic career. It was, for one. thing, strangely truncated; he first joined the Diplomatic Service at the age of 36, more than ten years later than his peers, and left it promptly on his 60th birthday. On his way to the permanent secretaryship he held none of the service's most glittering ambassadorships, making his name instead mainly in London, in the arcane world of defence and security policy. And he became Permanent Secretary only when the Prime Minister of the day. Margaret Thatcher, overruled the nomination of another and Gillmore was brought in instead. All these apparent disadvantages were triumphantly overcome.

David Howe Gillmore was the son of an Air Force officer. He was reparated at Trent College and at Eng's College, Cambridge. When he came down he went to work in

turn for Reuters, for a French corporation in Paris, and for four years as a teacher in London. Along the way he took time out to publish a novel, A Way from Eule. It was 1970 before he joined the Diplomat-

He had a lot of ground to make up. Contemporaries had been learning the ways of diplomacy and of the most idiosyncratic of the great departments of state since their early twenties. Gillmore brought to the task a knowledge of the wider world, perfect French, a capacity for sustained hard work and a markedly straightforward and genial personality. After two years in the Foreign Office he was posted to Moscow and from there, after three years, to Vienna. He went there on promotion to the rank of counsellor at the age of 41, much the same age at which he might have attained it had he joined the service in his early twenties.

He went to join the British delegation to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reducation negotiations. The purpose of these talks was to reach agreement on lower levels of armed force deployments in Europe by both sides in the Cold War. It was a complex, frustrating. and apparently interminable business of trying to weigh tanks against artillery, strike helicopters against anti-tank guns and new technology against waves of War-saw Pact infantry. It demanded endless patience, as much with allies as opponents, a grasp of theory and technicality alike, and a sharp eye for chicanery. It was in Vienna that Gillmore first became involved in the defence and security policy issues in which he made his reputation and with which he was engaged for most of his career ... .

In 1979, at the age of 45, Gillmore was moved back to London to head the Defence Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. After three years in the job he was promoted Assistant Under-Secretary of State responsible for the same range of subjects: the minutiae of defence policy, security policy and deterrence. All of them are diabolically complex subjects, blending abstract intellectual theory with life and death practicalities. They demanded of Gillmore intellectual commitment, determination and sustained hard work. They made calls also on his ample supply of human qualities, cementing relations with officials and officers in the Ministry of Defence.

in Nato and, very particularly, in

These were difficult years for the

Washington.

Western alliance. It faced aggressive communist opponents committed to what history has since shown to have been their last fling. At the time the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the continuing build-up of conventional Warsaw Pact forces in Europe and the forward deployment of Soviet intermediate-range nuclear forces represented a real threat to Western security. It aroused in Ronald Reagan's United States an equally boisterous reaction. But Western European governments faced articulate peace movements and great popular fear of war, they held back from warm

endorsement of Washington's responses to the Soviet threat. Not for the first time, British policy played a key role in holding the Alliance together. Gillmore had a central part in devising it and selling it in

In 1983 Gillmore was moved to Kuala Lumpur, to become High Commissioner to Malaysia. It was a less demanding job than those he had held and was to hold in London, but he took it on at a difficult time. The years of easy British-Malaysian relations were over. A sense of insecurity on the one hand and abrasive self-confidence on the other blended strangely in Malaysian policy. Many Malaysians, and particularly their Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir Mohamad, were growing increasingly resentful of the former colonial power. In the commercial field Malaysia committed itself to what seemed a gratuitously offensive policy of "buy British last". Mutual resentments could have spiralled out of control. Gillmore played a large part in ensuring that they did not, and when he left Kuala Lumpur in 1986 the worst of the episode was over.

Gillmore came back to London as a Deputy Under-Secretary, one of the small college of cardinals about Britain's place in the world

which, under ministers and the Permanent Under-Secretary, oversees the work of the whole office and keeps global policy cohesive and proportionate. Once again he brought calm judgment, affability and lo-hour days to the task. It was before long an open secret that his next and last job was to be Ambassador to the United Nations, and he used his time in London to round out his knowledge of the world and of the people at the top who made it tick.

But Margaret Thatcher took a hand. She blocked the diplomats' preferred candidate for the post of Permanent Under-Secretary and a high-level reshuffle became necessary. His human and intellectual qualities made Gillmore the obvious candidate for the job and, after brief sabbaticals at Harvard and in Paris, he moved into it in the summer of 1991.

The three years in which Gillmore was Permanent Under-Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service were troubled ones for British diplomacy. To general surprise John Major won the 1992 election. His majority was small and his party divided and ill-disciplined. Among the many things that troubled it was uncertainty

and in particular its position in the European Union. Foreign policy became increasingly dictated by domestic political convulsions.

Throughout his tenure Gillmore served a very capable Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, but one who was suspected in his own party of being too close to foreigners and the diplomatic world in which he had started his career. The Permanent Under-Secretary's role is uneasy at the best of times. Caught between diplomacy and unusually fractious politics, Gillmore played it with calm aplomb in particularly difficult circumstanc-

Satisaction with his performances was marked by his ennoblement on his retirement. (He had been knighted in 1990 and promoted GCMG in 1994.) He was an active member of the House of Lords and involved himself in business, with directorships in banking, insurance and industry. But for all his busyness and success, he and his family continued to live modestly in a small house in southwest Lon-

He is survived by his wife Lucile the daughter of a French diplomatic family and, like her husband, a practitioner of 16-hour days), and by their two sons.

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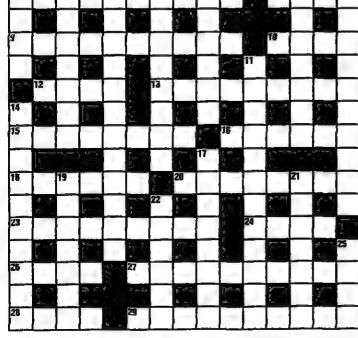
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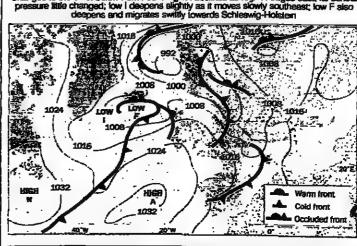
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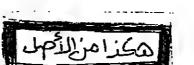
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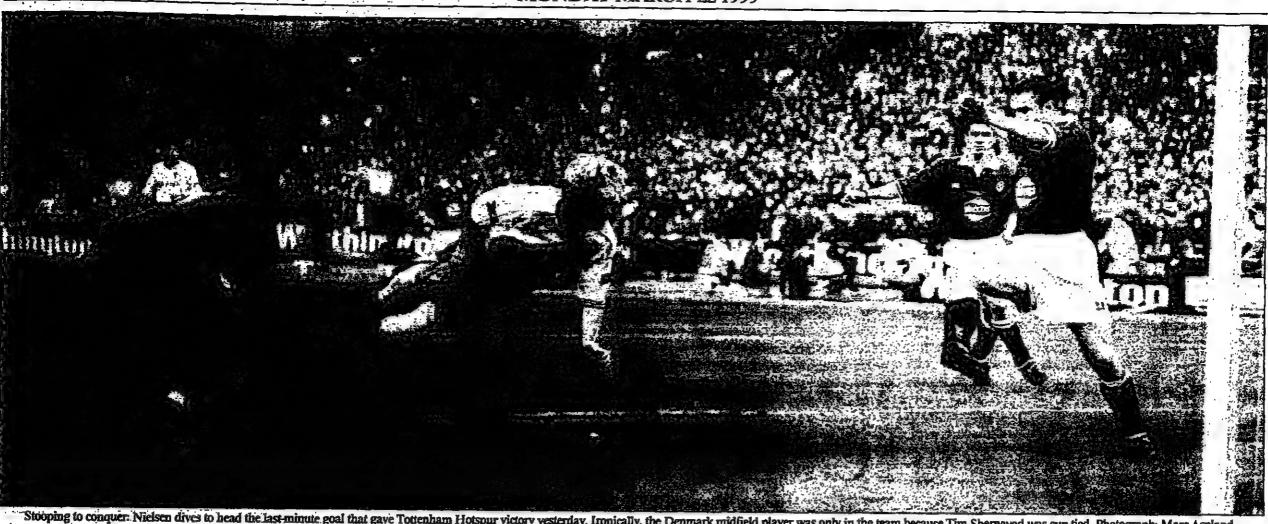
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Stooping to conquer. Nielsen dives to head the last minute goal that gave Tottenham Hotspur victory yesterday. Ironically, the Denmark midfield player was only

# l'ottenham complete Graham's revival

THIS was not a day for David Ginola. He was blown away in the tempest that raged around Wembley and made the flags crack and curl. This was a day for more prosaic talents and once it came down to grit and graft and the sheer unquenchable desire to win, then the team managed by

George Graham was always

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going to have the edge.

This scrappy win in the Worthington Cup final, this victory of ten men over 11, bore his hallmark. This Tottenham Hotspur side has his personality stamped all over it. In past times. Spurs would have folded under the attritional assault that Leicester City subjected them to Folding was what they were all about.

Not any more. They had Justin Edinburgh sent off in the 63rd minute for aiming a slap at Robbie Savage when Leicester had al-ready established a measure of supremacy, but still they did not buckle. In fact, they began to recover. Then, when the match was deep in injury time. was only in the side because

Oliver Holt watches Leicester City succumb 1-0 in the Worthington Cup final at Wembley

Tim Sherwood was cup-tied, raced the length of the pitch to be in the right place when Kasey Keller spooned Steffen Iversen's cross-shot into his path and stooped to nod the ball over the line.

Now, just seven months after Graham took over a club that was in patent disarray after the combined mismanagement of Alan Sugar and Christian Gross, he has led them back into Europe for the first time in seven years.

Already, they are a team in their master's image. There is the promise of more to come, too. Graham won this competition in his first season in charge at Highbury in 1987 and went on to lift five more trophies in the next six years of his reign at Arsenal. Spurs. remember, are also only one step away from an appearance

in the FA Cup Final. When Graham walked up the steps at Wembley yester-

day, took his place in the line of players kissing the cup and lifting it to the heavens, it also marked the end of his rehabilitation after the financial scandal that surrounded his departure from Arsenal. He repaired his reputation at Leeds United and transformed them into a club capable of

challenging for honours. It needed a win, though to get him back into the big time and that was what his players earned him against Leicester. They did it his way. They

won 1-0, of course, and not through the flair of Ginola, who was marked out of the game by the outstanding Robert Ullathorne. They won it because of the

determination of men such as Steffen Freund, who celebrated at the end with the abandon of a man who had never won even a copper trinket, not a dec-orated player who has lifted the European Cup.
Above all, though, they won

it because of the excellence of their defence, the way that Sol Campbell and Ramon Vega, who has reinvented himself as a competent centre back, snuffed out the threat of Emile

Heskey and Tony Conee. They and the rest of the Spurs team hung in there

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when the odds were against them. Once, they might have been easy meat for practised giantkillers like Leicester, but yesterday Martin O'Neill's team found that the tables had been turned on them. Suddenly, they were favourites but they were playing against a team of furies. For Leicester, there was only misery. Cottee, who has never won a winner's medal, broke down in the arms of his manager. The rest shumped to the turf.

Graham was understated afterwards. He has made it plain that he has loftier ambitions, that the thought of the championship is what drives him on. His hope, though, was that this victory would help his things. "It is always nice to win a trophy, especially as Wembley, Graham said. "It is always good coming back here. The place has an aura. I

team played. Funnily enough, I thought we looked very good with ten men. It would not have bothered me if the match had gone into extra time. I still

expected to win.
"I didn't think I would win anything in my first season here, but I have got nothing but admiration for the players. They have really knuckled down. I hope this gives them an appetite for more.

There were too many good players here who looked as though they were going to go through their career without winning anything. I hope this has given them a taste of what success is like."

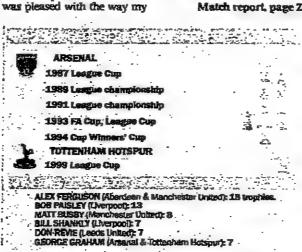
Ninety minutes after the game, when dusk had failen and Wembley was deserted, Graham led his team across the pitch towards the Royal Box and the exit where their team coach waited. Darren Anderton pointed up some steps and said that was the way out but Graham went in another direction. The rest of the team, in blazers, shirts and ties, followed him out.

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Then: Graham, right, celebrates victory with Arsenal in 1987

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Now: 12 years on, a triumphant Graham lifts the Worthington Cup at Wembley yesterday

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# FA Carling Premiership: Weakened leaders end Everton's resistance with second-half surge

# United are ready to reserve best until last

A SURPRISED Old Trafford bubbled, in the second half, with the merriment of people disovering that rationing has just been abolished. Until then, they might have expected another afternoon of stern, Manchester

United, the leaders of

the FA Carling Premiership, occasionally grade their games, allocating just enough flair and energy to overcome the weaker teams.

This match yesterday appeared to have been cut from the same pattern as victories over Derby County and Southampton, in which deliberately weakened line-ups failed to score in the first half, before scrambling success after the interval. It was not even clear that United would enjoy that degree of effectiveness. With Roy Keane and Paul Scholes sus-pended, and Ryan Giggs injured. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, also chose to omit Denis Irwin.

Even minimalism can run to excess and United were running a risk. Those regulars who remain in the team in this situation must function, because there are too few established men around them to compensate for any lapse. For a long time. United's expertise was not operational. The deficit in performance could be glimpsed when someone such as David Beckham, the virtuoso of the cross, hit the first defender as he tried to deliver the ball.

So great are the reserves of talent, though, that United are always likely to tap it at some point. In this case, Dwight Yorke, the leading scor-er, turned himself into an accomplice as others burgled the goals from a defence that had been well-secured. His work as a provider had, curiously, been less impressive when he was drifting behind the

At the interval, Ferguson restored his partnership with Andy Cole and tucked Ole Gunnar Solskjaer on the left wing. The Norwegian, nonetheless, was not at all isolated from impact. After 54 minutes, Yorke was the pivot in the one-two that took Solskiaer through to drive across Thomas Myhre. It was his sixteenth goal in a season in which he has



Beckham's fiercely struck free kick made United's victory safe



by Kevin McCarra

struck a studied pass

was expected to be first to it and, even had he elected to remain on his line, he would have been safe, so acuse was the angle for the advanc-

As it was, he did not collect and he is rarely abetted in this fashion, either. United would probably have coped without the assistance, even if

"We have had a spell of six games in 18 days in which the players have excelled," Ferguson said. "They go off with their countries now, but

Giggs, Solskjaer and Beckham are all injured, although, according to Ferguson, the latter has a chance of overcoming a calf strain in time for England's game with Poland on

The force with which Beckham established a 3-0 lead might, by itself, have been enough to make a muscle twang. Without a goal since November 4, he studied a free kick hungrily before bending the ball into the top corner in the 66th

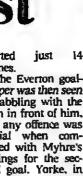
drought, because we can usually count on him for 12 or 14 goals a

At Everton, every player is experiencing a famine. No matter how rugged they can look in defence, they are always vulnerable because they cannot transfer the pressure to the opposition by scoring. The resistance shown early in the game was of no comfort to Walter Smith, the manager, who said: "We weren't

really getting out of our own half." It would be glib to invest Ibrahima Bakayoko's early hamstring injury with significance. The forward has too rarely been relevant, even when in perfect health.

Don Hutchison did find the net with a booming free kick in the 71st minute, but, at that stage, the audience was more absorbed in considering Jonathan Greening, a lively substitute, who was twice close to scoring for United Everton will have to give opponents food for thought before they can nourish their hopes of staying in the

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The Everton goalkeeper was then seen squabbling with the men in front of him. but any offence was venial when compared with Myhre's ond goal. Yorke, in the 63rd minute, into the right of the penalty area. Myhre

ing Gary Neville.

the full back, beating him to the ball, squeezed a shot into the untended net. Neville had not scored for almost two years, but, then again, the scale of the victory might have been reduced.

they will return from that break ready for the challenge."

"It was good for him to score," Ferguson said. "He has had a little



# Chelsea rediscover self-belief

THE dip in form was, after all, just a hiccup and Chelsea's title challenge is re-energised - not just because they won at Villa Park yesterday but, having spent all season winning by the narrowest of margins, this result represented a relative goal glut, a sign that confidence is high and the team is hungry.

The peal of bells the local churches promised would accompany this match in protest at the interruption of Sunday services faded before they hit the stadium. What a pity, a little angry clanging would have been most appropriate for Villa, a team in the middle of a real slump. They have taken just one point from 24 and a glory-free mid-table finish beckons. Yet there was no trace of bitterness in John Gregory's words afterwards, although does seem genuinely perplexed.

The Aston Villa manager is a down-to-earth character with little time for the game's psychology, yet he is being forced to accept that brains are being addled. "My belief was either you can play or you can't play, but obviously the self-belief has evaporated." Gregory's task is made harder by the fact he labels as "chalk and cheese" the attitude on the training ground when compared to that on the pitch.

For the first 45 minutes, however, there was hope. Chelsea appeared set on maintaining their frustrating habit of dominating possession without offering anything incisive. The Villa defence flapped and flut-tered, but were let off the hook by a host of near-misses, most notably when Flo's cross-goal pass saw Wise dive a second too late. Just before the interval Villa finally threatened to undermine Chei-

sea's unproductive probing when Dublin met Thompson's cross, but De Goey saved with ease. Yet when the teams resumed after halftime, Villa became a parody of their firsthalf display with the passing yards off tar-

get and whenever presented with opby Alyson Rudd tions, the poorer one It is not Chelsea's style to grab a lucky goal, however many chances Villa presented, and they took the lead in the 59th minute through a glorious move with Ferrer looping the ball down the right flank to Flo.

who dragged the ball away from

Southgate and then placed it deli-

cately beyond Bosnich's reach.



This was Flo back to his best. Since his rushed return from injury, he has lacked the deception that accompanies his general awkwardness. The Norwegian linked up well with Zola throughout and the became increasingly exasperated.

Gregory opted to replace his strikeforce, with both Dublin and Collymore making way for Joachim and Merson, Given how every decision relating to Collymore is analysed as to how well or insensitively the Villa manager is handling his troubled forward, bring him off at the same time as Dublin was the cleverest way to inject some energy



into his team's performance. It almost worked, with a rare error from Desailly letting Joachim in with a real chance, although to be fair to the Frenchman few players would have scampered so swiffly after the back-pass. Joachim put his lob just wide, however.

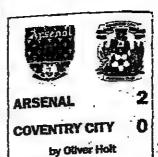
While Chelsea weaved all manner of openings. Zola was most wasteful, and eventually Goldbuck made it 2-0. The Dane had looked more effective the minute Vialli switched him to his favoured right wing, but he deserved the goal for all the energy be expended in Chel-sea's cause. Desailly plucked the ball out of a cluster of bodies on the edge of the area and found Flo. who heeded Goldback's instruction and played the ball into his feet.

Not since November had Chelsea won by a three-goal margin, but with Villa's confidence ebbing at an alarming rate, Flo scored the visi tors' third, latching on to Morris's gentle chip. Whether Flo's first touch was intentional hardly mattered, for it took the ball past Bosnich and made the finish a formality - unlike the destination of the Premiership title, now that Chelsea look sleek once more. "We approach all our games as if

they are finals," Vialli said. In his terms, that does not mean Chelsea. go crazy with helter-skelter football, but apply greater self-discipline, something Gregory knows his team needs but cannot find.

ASTON VILLA (1-5-2): M Bosneth — R Somesa. G Southgeat. G Barry — S Watson, 5 Stone, L Hersche (auto: Taylor, Bürrin), A Thompson, A Weisge — D Jubin (sub: P Merson, 74), S Collymore (sub: J Josephin, 74) CHELSEA (4-4-2), E De Goey — A Ferrer, M Desail-ly, Filebonul, G Le Baux — D Petrescu (sub. B Lam-bourde, 78), D Wise, J Morre, B Goldback — G Zola, TA Flo (sub: M Nichola, 90). Reference G Barber.

# Kanu runs in on crest of a wave



Football Correspondent

IT ALWAYS seems to be some time around December when Arsenal's performances lull us into writing them off. It is always about now when we stop repenting gently and realise, with a shudder, justhow good they actually are. It happened last season, when age seemed to be catching up with them and they were traipsing off to the South of France for rest-cures - like old men going to take the waters in a spa town. It happened this season, when we beat Arsene Wenger with a stick sharpened with the acrusation that he had not strengthened a championship winning

As Arsenal, temporarily at least, closed the gap between themselves and Manchester United at the top of the FA.
Carling Premiership to one
point at Highbury on Saturday, Wenger's squad looked
every bit as well prepared for
the run-in as Alex Ferguson's. This was a second-gear mean-

der for Arsenal. In the past, Wenger might have introduced Christopher Wreh or Luis Boa Morte into the fray when the legs of the rest got tired. They were limited players. Now, though, Arsenal can call upon the sublime skills of Kanu to help them finish off tottering opponents and, on Saturday, the Nigerian forward performed the task

to perfection. His languor is almost hypnotic, his guile a joy to watch. He has that wonderfully in-stinctive gift bestowed on only a few: being able to delay a pass until its intended recipient has found space. He makes room for himself effortlessly and the way that he has adapted to the pace of the English game already suggests that not only will he be a more than adequate replacement for Dennis Bergkamp, in the

Sunderland surge on. Results and tables.

Champions' League away matches next season, but he may soon be pressing for a starting place himself.

After Ray Parlour had given Arsenal the lead in the seventeenth minute with a neat finish with the outside of his right foot, the game had descended into a stalemate. Much of Arsenal's bite disappeared when Parlour moved to right back because of Dixon's injury and Coventry City should have been awarded a penalty when David Seaman, flapping at a low cross from Huckerby, compounded his error by impeding Froggatt. The referee waved play on.

Coventry's misfortunes, increased in the second half

when Roland Nilsson was taken off on a stretcher with what later transpired to be two cracked ribs and a punctured lung, following an innocent :clash with Petit.

Then, with 14 minutes left, Wenger brought on Kanu for Anelka. Anelka stormed down the tunnel in a fit of pique but. within five minutes, Kanu had justified his manager's faith. He pounced on a weak defen-sive header by Shaw, trapping the ball and turning away from McAllister in the same movement. He slipped it through the legs of Konjic and then prodded it out to the left where Overmars dispatched it across Hedman and into the corner of the Coventry net.

"Sometimes, nobody wants to gamble on players like Kanu," Wenger said, "because they know that, if they get it wrong, they will get a lot of stick. It took a lot of talk and a lot of patience to get him away from Inter Milan, Maybe I should have reacted quicker at the start of the season to bring new people in, but it is important to get players at the right price. What Kanu does is always intelligent and creative. I think it was worth the wait."

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seamen — L Duon (sub. F Lumpberg, 28min), M Kegum, T Adents, N Winterburn — R Perfour, P Vieina. E Pel, M Overmars Isada. K Diswara, 84j — N Anelia, Isada: Kanu, 76j. D Bergisarp.
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# O'Leary stays calm as youthful Redknapp has last laugh glow surrounds Elland Road as Di Canio weaves spell

LEEDS UNITED are the most appealing side in the FA Carling Premiership, even if their charm will be lost on Derby County. Virtues and specatators are crammed into Elland Road, where swift, stream-lined football is being produced by a team that contains several exciting young players and is not afflicted by the sort of figures whose self-regard is even more distended than

their salaries. Only one man quibbles. As the manager, discontentment is an obligation for David O'Leary. He stands in the face of those who believe that this side could emulate the achievements of Don Revie's Leeds United side of the early 1970s. Even the greats of that era, like Peter Lorimer, Allan Clarke and Norman Hunter. have gone on record as saying that this team can be as good, if not better, than the one they all played for.

Although outnumbered in the debate, O'Leary remains resolute in declaring the limitations of his side. Another victory will equal the club record of seven consecutive wins in the league, but he would still dismiss it as a trick of the light. He sees no substance, eith-

and enter the European Cup next season. Satisfaction is too close to inertia for his liking. On Saturday, O'Leary spoke of Manchester United's willingness to spend E10 million or EI2 million on players to top up a pool already at a high lev-el of achievement. Although the words emerged fluently. he might have been giving a rendition of a script he had come across while clearing out the desk of his predecessor.

LEEDS UNITED

DERBY COUNTY 1

by Kevin McCarra

grasp third place in the table

George Graham. in their undemonstrative way. O'Leary and Graham have both tried to apply thumbscrews to the Leeds board. It is the duty of a manager to dream and to aspire while the directors labour over er, in claims that Leeds can calculations about borrowing. interest payments and the prospect of a return on investment in the transfer market. If O'Leary speaks in a carefully measured way that only highlights the depth of his feeling, it is because he is tanta-

lised. He could be in possession of an exceptional side, but senses the ease with which it might disintegrate over the closing phase of the season. Suspensions are unlikely but Stephen McPhail, a slick replacement on Saturday for

David Batty, who is unwell, must join the Republic of Ire-land party for the world youth championship next month. "it's a fantastic tournament in Nigeria and we lose him for five weeks. He'll improve over there," O'Leary said, with bitter scorn. He is sure that he needs costly signings this summer. Jim Smith, the Derby manager, applauded Leeds's

attacking, but it was possible to flip that statement over and read on the back some reservations about their defending. Even so, the heedless tackle on Vassillis Borbokis with which Lucas Radebe conceded a penalty in the second minute, which Francesco Baiano converted, was more

aberration than structural

fault. Leeds are too confident

right now to be stung into anxious retaliation. Instead, they gradually stepped up the pace of their fluent passing

and movement. Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's cross broke from Spencer Prior and, as the centre back lunged in an effort to recover, Lee Bowyer stepped round him to hit the equaliser. Hasselbaink was then set up for the low drive that put Leeds ahead. After 44 minutes, Willem Korsten, who is on loan from Vitesse Arnhem, efficiently killed Hasselbaink's pass and fired home. Six minutes from the end, Ian Harte shook a slumbering second half awake by slamming a 25-yard

shot into the top corner. Derby, missing seven players, had been in no condition to break their habit of conceding goals to Leeds, who have relished 15 in the last four meetings between the teams. As O'Leary's plans progress, other wills join Derby in flinching at the sight of Leeds. LEEDS UNITED (4-3-3). N Martyn — A-l Haakend, L Radebe, J Woodgate, I Harte — L Bowyer, D Hopken, S McPrest — J F Has-selbeink, H. Namett, W. Korsten (sub. M. Jones Birth.

telibrink, H. Kewett, W. Korsten (sub. M. Jones, 88min).
DERBY COUNTY (3-4-1-2). M. Poorti — I. Strince (sub. S. Elsott, 40), H. Carbonan, S. Prior — J. Laussan L. Bohmon (sub. B. Laussons, 5), D. Postelli, V. Bohoboks. — F. Baurno (sub. M. Christie, 46). — K. Harper, O. Burton.

WHEN it comes to deciding the best buy of the season it may well be that Harry Redknapp steals it with his capture of Paolo Di Canio. Talk about baggage; Di Canio was burdened with a full compliment of suitcases, rucksack and naff waller on a string. As Danny Wilson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, off-loaded him the "Harry don't do ir" doom merchants were in full swing. Di Canio was. by many, considered a shirker, inconsistent, volatile and a

Yet against Newcastle United on Saturday he was tireless, a constant threat, placatory and irreplaceable. Here is a player who, as Redknapo pointed out, had experienced a longer break from football than any player would during the summer's break. This followed his ban after pushing a referee to the ground and his

subsequent self-imposed exile. Possibly the worst place for the Italian striker to re-emerge was Upton Park where socalled difficult players - from Joey Beauchamp to to Marco Boogers - have pouted and departed under a cloud. The sniggering over the fact that Redknapp was prepared to pay £1.6 million for a walking. talking tantrum in tight shorts



could be heard all the way to the basement nightclubs in Sheffield where they once sang D-I-Can-i-o instead of D-I-S-C-O. And now? Redknapp can

by Alyson Rudd

talk about a player who never stops training and is so patently talented that his manager can smirk and joke "If he works on his ball control, he'll be a decent player." Di Canio gave West Ham

the lead, playing to the whistle and not the flag as Paul Durkin, the referee, ignored his assistant, having seen that the ball was played through by Dabizas, and allowed Di Canio to easily round Given who, like his defenders, had seemingly assumed Di Canio was about to be booked for hogging the ball and made little effort to halt his run.

Di Canio slips and slides and over-elaborates, but in this sort of mood is a definite match-winner. He provided Kitson with several inch-perfect crosses that his striking partner wasted. Eventually, Kitson turned and scored after a through-ball by Lampard, brushing aside a dispirited Newcastle defence.

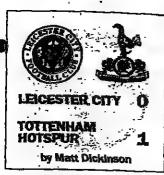
Newcastle were second best from the start, with a forma-tion that Ruud Gullit, their manager, preferred to see as adventurous but was really wasteful. Saha and Maric played behind Shearer but rarely become involved in either attack or midfield and the result was that West Ham were given an easy ride through the centre.

Shearer's present lack of mobility was clear and those who feel Kevin Keegan has been hasty in guaranteeing him the England captaincy will hardly have been heartened by his contribution here, where he was no more than a decent target man with some bite at free kicks.

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# Worthington Cup final: Leicester lapse allows ten-man Tottenham to claim victory

# Nielsen's strike beats the clock



utes to go in the Worthington Cup final at Wembley yesterday when Martin O'Neill gestured to his team to run out the clock. His thinkng, which made perfect sense at time, was that, with an extra half-hour, his li men could pick off Tottenham Hotspur's tiring ten.

In those circumstances, the Leicester City manager could afford to think of extra time but his defence, critically, could not. Caught without cover, even though their had an extra cover, even though they had an extra man on the field. they allowed Steve Walsh to be isolated against a far quicker

Steffen Iversen.
It was probably their first defensive mistake of the afternoon and it proved decisive. Bursting into the penalty box, the Norwegian's cross-shot was only parried by Kasey Keller and there was Allan Nielsen to fling himself at the ball. In a flash of Nielsen's blond mane. O'Neill's

hans had become obsolete. meant most of what had gone before could be forgonen. There have been some disappointing Wembley finals in recent years, but this was surely the worst. It certainly was not the feast of football that the Football League would have wanted to set before Lennari Johansson, the president of Uefa, the European governing body of football that plans to strip this competition of its European place and thus

its sole incentive for the big clubs. The president will be less sympathetic than ever. What began as a competitive game - football-speak for a boring one - degenerated after an hour into an ugly and malicious one. Worse than the bad tackles were the repeated attempts by players to get each other sent off, to the extent that it was almost inevitable that one would eventually walk. Justin Edinburgh was the man to



'It's always nice to win a trophy Wembley ... the place has an aura'

THERE were less than two min-

Nielsen kisses the Worthington Cup and clutches his man-of-the-match award after scoring an unlikely winning goal in the final minutes. Photograph: Marc Aspland

go for swinging his hand across Robbie Savage's face and, while the contact was not strong enough to leave a scratch, the intent was sufficient to deserve the red card. The Tottenham full back became only the second player to be sent off in a League Cup final after Andrei Kanchelskis's dismissal in 1994. "It was the worst half-hour of my

life after that," Edinburgh said, but it was not a whole lot better for his adversary. Savage, who was booked for the initial clumsy foul, enraged the Tottenham players by theatrically clutching his face and the match briefly curred into a Savage sideshow as Tottenham

attempted to exact retribution. Steffen Freund and Nielsen were particularly vehement in their complaints to the referee, with the German pathetically faking injury in an attempt to con the official. "I was worried that Savage might be sent off, "O'Neill said, explaining his decision to substitute the Wales international, and it was a wonder, given the Spurs player's antics, that he was not proved correct.

The irony was that Spurs should play so much better after their reduction to ten men on 62 minutes. but then only a George Graham team could draw such strength from adversity. The sending off was probably the turning-point of the game against us," O'Neill said, "because we were totally dominant" - George Graham at the time."

Leicester had just come closest to a goal when Rob Ullathorne had taken a rare break from trailing David Ginola to move forward and unleash a 20-yard drive. Ian Walker had fumbled his shot, just recov-

ering in time to block Tony Cottee. It was a sign of Leicester's growing dominance as O'Neill's pack of midfield terriers began to get the better of Spurs. Ginola, who was conscientiously marked by Ul-

lathorne all game, had disappeared altogether and O'Neill must have thought that his usual meticulous preparation was to pay off.

His side looked confident of winning this competition for the second time in three years. But the sending-off roused Spurs more than their opponents and, suddenly, they were finding space in midfield that had not existed before. Freund and Iversen began winning the



Edinburgh is sent off after being involved in a fracas with Savage

50-50 tackles, Les Ferdinand began running at defenders and the Spurs back three - in which the excellent Vega made the tackle of the game on Heskey - were controlling the Leicester attack more comfortably than when they were four.

In short, one team was attempting to win the game while the other seemed content to wait for the draw and that made all the difference. So while Spurs now go on to Europe and to an FA Cup semi-final against Newcastle United, Leicester must raise themselves for the only five points above the cut and, while they have a couple of games in hand, their morale will have

been badly joited by this defeat. Cottee, in parocular, looked inconsolable at the final whistle, aware, perhaps, that this may be his last trip to Wembley at the age of 33. O'Neill had warned that defear here could lead to the break-up of his team and the lack of European football next season will not help him as he attempts to persuade his better players, such as Emile Heskey, that Filbert Street should be their long-term home.

His first task, though, is to resolve a dispute with Frank Sinclair. The former Chelsea defender was sent home from the team hotel yesterday morning for what O'Neill would only describe as a breach of club discipline.
He is believed to have been late

for a team meeting, which would seem appropriate. His team failed

seem appropriate. His team laited to play to the watch as well.

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The sending-off was the turning point. We were totally dominant at the time'

- Martin O'Neill

# Places in Europe still up for grabs

BY BILL EDGAR

VICTORY in the Worthington Cup final made Tottenham Hotspur the first English club to qualify for European competition next season, but the question of who will join them on the Continent is about as dear as the grey skies around Wembley yesterday.

Three cups may have be-come two with the demise of the Cup Winners' Cup this summer, but any hopes that matters have been simplified can be forgotten. The confusion centres on the Uefa Cup - which will be explained

Despite the apparently growing importance of contineutal competition to clubs here. England have been promised only six entries, one lower than this season. It is the elite who are being rewarded, the top three in the FA Carling Premiership going into the Champions' League — one

more than this season.
If Manchester United win the European Cup this season, the only way that four English teams will qualify for the com-petition is if United, improbably, finish outside the top three in the Premiership. The top two go straight into the group stages while the team finishing third must play in the final qualifying round. Clubs losing in the qualifiers or finishing third in their group stage will then switch smartly the Uefa Cup.

England have been guarage.

England have been guaranteed three places there, Tottenham being joined by the win-ners of the FA Cup and the fourth-placed Premiership side. Uefa have yet to decide what will happen if a team that has already qualified for the Champions' League wins the FA Cup, a feat both United and Arsenal could achieve. If Chelsea finish fourth in the Premiership and win the Cup Winners' Cup, the fifth-placed team would qualify for

Two further factors will determine Uefa Cup qualifica-tion — the Intertoto Cup and fair play tables. Three places will be awarded to teams in each category, and both could supply further English entrants. Uefa has promised England two places in the Interioto Cup. Those who have showed an interest include Newcastle United, Middlesbrough Wimbledon Derby County. Southampton and Leicester City. The two teams finishing the highest in the Premiership will qualify.

The country topping Uefa's fair play table, presently Scotland, will supply one team with the other clubs coming from the two nations that win a ballot of those second to tenth in the table, which, at the moment, includes England. The successful countries must enter the team that tops their own fair play table, at present Manchester United followed by Sheffield Wednesday.

# Atkinson fuming as Forest lies in ashes

ONE hour after the final whistle and the self-proclaimed Nottingham Forest firefighter was himself still smouldering to the point of self-combustion. RA may be emblazoned on the tracksuit but not even Red Adair could rescue Forest now, never mind Ron Atkinson.

Poor pitch, poor match, poor Forest. Ten points adrift of safety, eight games to go, no home win since. August and the little matter of Leeds United, Liverpool and Derby County in their next three games. All that remains is to dot the 'i' and cross the 't' in the word relecention and Forest's third de-cent from the FA Carling Premiership in seven sea-

sons will be confirmed. And then? Atkinson was 100 consumed with the inadequacies of the present to concern himself about the nuances of the Nationwide League. thut the prospects for another swift return from exile seem horribly remote. The dub's debis are such that Atkinson, or whoever succeeds him as manager, is thought likely to have to haive the E9 million annual wage bill. while eight members of the lirst-team squad are out of

contract this summer. It almost goes without saying that Forest enjoyed precious little luck against Middlexbrough, who left the City Ground on Saturday convinced that their own battle ainst the drop was all but won. Apart from the opening and closing stages, Forest



were the better of the two teams, but that is not saying much and, anyway, those were the periods when the points were won and lost. Big Ron had big trouble coming to terms with it all

I'm furious," Atkinson said. Between long bouts of brooding silence, the merry quipster sat with fists clenched, humour bypassed and brow so furrowed that you could have planted potatoes in it.

"I thought we were weakwilled in the last half an



Ron Atkinson: angered

was there to be won and we didn't show any mental stress at all. We have had to play top-class opposition in our other home games, but with all due respect to Middlesbrough, they were there for the taking." Pause. Sharp intake of breath. "We are not good enough

to gift teams goals." (Cross-ley blunders with clearance, Ricard holds off Mattsson; 1-0 down.) Pause. "We had the psychological thing of coming back after going be-hind." (Shipperley heads hind." (Shipperley heads down, Freedman squeezes shot past Schwarzer from 18 yards; I-I.) Long pause. "We get a head of steam up in the second half and, all of a sudden, one or two people start doing stupid things." (Chet-de misses 87th-minute header. Edwards misses Deane;

deathly silence. Exit. For Middlesbrough, Gascoigne and O'Neill were kept under wraps on the bench as they beat Forest for the first time in 25 attempts. For the home team, Van Hooijdonk excelled in his new, deeper "I will play anywhere if it helps the team" role. What a joke. As punishment, he should be

I-2, game over.) Protracted,

made to stay. Madle: IO StayNOTTINGHAM FOREST (3-4-1-2). M
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Beck, SS, sub; A Amstrong, 88), B DeeneReference S Dunn

# Sutton stakes claim for England return

IF Chris Sutton has a heart the size of a dustbin lid, Ashley Ward's should be bigger still. Together, they inspire a chub that has experienced much despair this season: they are players who personify the

ROVERS ethos of their manager, Brian Kidd, by Stephen Wood and upon whose excel lence Kidd is reliant. Personal despair, of differing

and Ward, the Blackburn Rovers forwards. Sutton, whose commitment to the Ewood Park cause prompted Kidd to evaluate the size of his heart thus, has had to cope with injuries, suspensions and an international exile this season. He has overcome such frustrations. however, with plenty of dignity intact. Niggling thigh and ankle problems were not expected to prevent him from joining the England squad at Bisham Abbey last night and, such was his effective performance against Wimbledon on Saturday, that it would be no surprise if Kevin Keegan, the new England manager, selected him from the start against Poland next weekend.

Ward's crisis was of a more personal nature. Last week, his mother suffered a brain haemorrhage and Ward was told by Kidd that he did not have to play. Kidd said: "When something like that happens, you realise that there is a bigger picture to consider, but Ashley insisted on playing to help our cause. That tells you what a great human being be is. "Ward's professionalism was rewarded with a



since joining Black-burn from Barnsley for £45 million. It prefaced two other strikes from the home side, which brought their first victory in eight matches and lifted them out of the bottom three of the FA Carling Premier

Moments before he left Ewood Park to visit his mother in hospital, Ward said: Things looked less than rosy this week, but I decided that it was important for me to try and carry on as normal. My mum is gradually getting better and hopefully every-

thing will be OK."

With Sutton and Ward in tandem, Blackburn should avoid relegation and although he failed to score himself, some of Sutton's work with his back to goal, against a Wimbledon defence that veered between the brutal and the non-existent, was outstanding.

Matt Jansen, surely an England player of the future, was on hand to claim the second and third goals as Blackburn's surge secured the match by the 26th minute. Wimbledon were ragged, and John Hartson, their forward, was a personification of this and was substituted at half-time. A Jason Eucli goal midway through the second half was their only consolation.

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#### THEY remain almost unbeatable at home, five wins on the trot there prolonging the belief that Southampton might just yet avoid relegation. So what do the club do on Saturday? Confirm plans to knock The Dell down. Predictably enough, there is no place for sentiment in the

decision to move to a shiny new 32,000-seat stadium. "It is all about genting burns on seats," Dave Jones, the manager, said on Satur-day with admirable realism. That is the reality of football finance now. The Dell holds 15,000 so, at the moment, the only thing we've got in com-mon with Manchester United is that we are both sold

out every week."

It was impossible to disaeree with the financial logic. but as yet another full house roared Southampton to victory on Saturday, one could not help but reflect wistfully on the ground that has served the club so well for 101 years. The Dell seems to suit the homely little club so well, and while a sparkling new stadium may be essential if they are to compete with the FA Carling Premiership's nouveau riche, it will look like delusions of grandeur if they are in the Nationwide League first division by the time the bulldozers

arrive. The fight against relegation will be another agonising one, but Southampton are not yet doorned thanks to a win on Saturday that lifted Jones's team to third from



Southampton ready to

build on escape plan

bottom. They had the better of what few chances there were against Sheffield Wednesday, but this was still a far from convincing win, and one fears for Southampton if Arsenal are in the mood when they visit in a fortnight Emmanuel Petit will be missing for that one. but so too will be Matt Le Tissier, Chris Marsden and Hassan Kachloul because of suspension.

That's my entire midfield gone," Jones said. It may cost him dear. Such is Southampton's dreadful form on their travels, where they have lost the last five games. that they cannot afford to drop any points in their last four home matches. That may prove a task beyond a rather cumbersome team.

That they managed to win on Saturday was as much to do with Wednesday's sloth as their own good form, with the Wednesday players kit returning to Yorkshire as clean and fresh as when they first put it on. None of them appeared to break swear.

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who at least managed a bit of twisting and turning, all

of it in vain. When Le Tissier headed home from close range after 42 minutes, it was presuma-bly because Wednesday could not be bothered to mark him and Southampton could afford to waste a number of second-half chances as Egil Ostenstad headed wide twice. Le Tissier tried a couple of long-range efforts to relieve the torpor, but his radar was slightly on the blink. It was all very predictable stuff, which made Glenn Hoddle's appearance in the crowd all the more unfathomable.

"We could have made it a lot easier for ourselves with that second goal," Jones said. "We look a completely different team at home. Maybe I will have to put the players in a box before we go away from home or make them wear blinkers. I wish we could play all our games at The Dell." If the planning application which goes before the city council next week is successful. Southampton will not be playing any games there in a couple of years. At least they are enjoying it while they can. SOUTHAMPTON (4-3 1-2), P. Jones — J. Dodd, C. Lundekvarn, K. Monkou, P. Colletter (sub. F. Benell, Sümm). — M. Oaklev, Gub. J. Beathe, 67). C. Marsder, H. Kachkoul — M. Le Taster. — M. Hughes, E. Celenstad.

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their toll

# Reid's men remain in rude health

By GEORGE CAULKIN

THE riposte was more deadly than a shot from Kevin Phillips, the directive as taut as a Lee Clark pass. The actual epithet employed by Peter Reid was something the viewers of Premier Passions will recall quite clearly, but it would not do well to repeat it here. And all because the Sunderland manager was offered polite congratulations for officially claiming a play-

What for three-quarters of the clubs manfully treading water in the Nationwide League would happily be regarded as a season well spent, is viewed with slant-eyed suspicion on Wearside. The memory of Michael Gray casting a mournful glance into the Wembley sky as his penalty dribbled to Sasa Ilic. the Charlton Athletic goalkeeper, in the play-off final last season is too fresh, too raw for anything else.
"Oh, I'm delighted about

that," Reid muttered through faintly gritted teeth. "I'll just go and tell the chairman [Bob Murrayl; he'll be really pleased." Murray had compared the tumultuous defeat by Charlton to a death in the family; it is safe to assume that corks were not popping with

abandon on Saturday night. The defeat of Bolton Wanderers on Saturday, the club whose fate is seemingly entwined with a yo-yo string, did feel like a significant staging post, however, and not simply because their manager, Colin Todd, had recently suggested that Sunderland could be overhauled. He has revised that opinion. "Champions

elect", he calls them now. In Reid's hundredth match in charge, Phillips's fiftieth tenth consecutive home league win. They are 12 points clear of the field and, with Carsten Fredgaard, of Lynghy FC, watching from the stands and expected to sign for around £1.5 million this week, his future colleagues displayed the utter ruthlessness that has become their hallmark. .

Quite where Fredgaard, a Denmark under-21 midfield player, will fit into Reid's blueprint is another matter, Clark - at present the side's puppet-eer - was exceptional for his allotted 58 minutes. His feinting runs and raking long passes delivered the space for others to exploit and though he played no intrinsic role in any of the goals, his was the shad-

owy influence behind it all. Sunderland took the lead when a mammoth clearance from Thomas Sorensen was nudged on its way by Niall Quinn and Phillips took the ball into the penalty area where predatory instincts did the rest. Five minutes later Allan Johnston bamboozled a before a neat deflection made a mug of Jussi Jaaskelainen. Johnston repeated the feat in the second half with a curling shot from 20 yards, negating the threat that briefly had been posed by a goal from Per

Both sides conspired to hit the woodwork but, in front of a record crowd of more than 41.000 at the Stadium of Light. the remainder of the match was played out on autopilot. "There's such a big pot of gold in front of us." Phillips said. But not the play-offs. Never the play-offs.



Phillips, of Sunderland, celebrates his team's second goal during their 3-1 defeat of Bolton at the Stadium of Light

BY DAVID POWELL

IF Bradford City are to climb out of the first division, they had better snap out of being a first-half team. That was the message from Paul Jewell, the manager, after a second successive match in which his club, one of the main contenders to cross the bridge from Nationwide League to FA Carling Premiership, had drunk from the cup of hesitation at

Bradford had conceded the only goal of the second half after going 4-0 up against Norwich City in their previous game. On Saturday, they went n 2-0 ahead, only to see the bottom club recover to 2-2. Had it not been for an 83rdminute goal by Gareth Whalley, Bradford would be five points adrift of an automatic promotion place.

This is a testing time for Jewell, the relative unknown Jewell shines in priceless clutch

agers comprising the likes of Peter Reid, George Burley, Trevor Francis and Colin Todd. At 34, Jewell is younger than some of his players, if only by months, and his achievements as a footballer ten years of wearing a Bradford shirt - have been modest by comparison with those to hom he must dispense wis-

Stuart McCall, for example. won honours with Everton and Rangers and is Jewell's senior by age. Yet Jewell needs to be both sage and whipcracker at Valley Parade now. Only nine games stand between Bradford and a return to the top division after an absence of 77 years.

Jewell tries not to think about the historical perspective. "If you do, your mind can said. He is on a two-year contract, having ridden out the storm of last season, when Chris Kamara was dismissed. Bradford had won only four of their previous 21 matches. Jewell took over in January, with the team in elev-

enth, and finished the season in thirteenth. Supporters were unhappy that he was given the job on a lasting basis. However, Jewell reshaped the team with several summer signings, among them McCall and Whalley. "His motivation, his willing-

ness to learn, and his enthusiasm are among his main Whalley, who arrived in a £600,000 transfer from Crewe Alexandra, said. "He is learning more and more tactically as each game

Jacobs put Bradford two goals ahead but they were caught by two left-wing crosses from Jim Brennan that set up unchallenged headed goals for Ade Akinbiyi and Soren Andersen, Whalley, though, had his Bristol City coffin nails at the ready and Peter Beagrie missed a lastminute penalty. We need a miracle now, Benny Lennartsson, the Bris-

tol City manager, said. In Kirk Jones, the club has a miracle-worker as a supporter but, unfortunately for Lennartsson, he performs them on screen only. Jones is the writer-director of the highly acclaimed film Waking Ned, about a lottery winner from the smallest of villages. As a Bristol City fan, though, he is holding a losing ticket. Without a win in 11 games, the second division beckons.

BRUSTOL CITY (4-4-2): S Philips — L Carry, M Sheil, V Sebole, J Brennen — N Heeney (sub: S Munay, 73mm), T Doheny, R Edwards (sub: A Loder, 61), 8 Tinnon — A Akabby, S Andersen BRADFORD CTTY (4-4-2): G Welsh — 1 Todd, D Moore, J Dreyer, W Jacobs — Lawrence, S McCall, G Wiseley, P Beegi

Huddersfield miss out

their play-off ambitions and

poses doubts about Birming-

The suspicion grows by the

week that there are only :

handful of players among the

sides chasing promotion who are of Premiership standard.

Rowett is one, along with his colleagues John McCarthy

and Peter Ndlovu. On Satur

day's evidence. Huddersfield

would need three Martin

O'Neills in their dugout to sur-

vive a Premiership campaign

Birmingham took the lead

when Johnson headed home

Hughes's free kick. Their chances of adding to it were

undermined when Adebola

sustained a hamstring injury

and, four minutes later,

Huddersfield equalised.

ham's credentials.

struggling to hold onto fifth place in the league, belies a certain fierce competitive streak. Since Marcello Lippi resigned as coach, his re placement, Carlo Ancelotti,

has not lost a match. His run was extended to ten games yesterday, although his team were less than convincing in holding Roma 1-1. There was needle from the start, provided by

Exploits take on Juventus

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By Rob Hughes

professional footballers, expected to change colours and roles like chameleons, must be nearing the point of no return on the demands on their stamina and technique. For Manchester United, the transition back to the FA Carling Premiership yesterday seemed easy enough, the benefits of a huge squad and a wide gulf between them and Everton being evident.

But for Juventus - United's semi-final opponents in the European Cup - their Serie A encounter in Turin with AS Roma yesterday was a gruelling grudge match: and even Bayern Munich, who are running away with the Bundesliga and also reached the last four of the European Cup in midweek, needed a late goal to achieve their eighth consecutive League win, at the expense of Werder Bremen.

Since drawing with Man-chester United at Old Trafford at the beginning of December, Bayern have won every match they have played, in all competitions, without conceding a goal. It was no different in the Olympic Stadium on Saturday even if Bremen's defence did not surrender until the 87th minute when Carsten Jancker scored the winner. "This is the best Bayern team for 20 years," Franz Beckenbauer, the president of Bay-ern, enthused. And the same man, who both played in and coached a German team to win the World Cup has also lamented that his nation - beaten 3-0 by the United States last month — is at the

lowest ebb in memory. Curious. And curiouser still is the fact that the Germany squad scheduled to play in Belfast against Northern Ireland on Saturday contained no fewer than than eight Bayern players until Alexander Zickler and Michael Tarnat withdrew through injury yesterday.

In Italy, the relative decline of Juventus, who are

the taunt from Zdenek Zeman, the Roma coach,

that Juventus players use performance-enhancing intions. Without Alessandro Del Piero, who is out for the and Zinedine Zidane, who may miss the first leg of his club's tie against Manchester United through a knee injury, Juventus had to toil hard especially after their make-53rd-minute goal to Marco del Vecchio. Mark Iuliano. the Juventus defender, equalised after 72 minutes to give his side a share of the spoils.

Their hopes of retaining the Serie A title became even more remote when Fiorentina, with Gabriel Batistuta among the scorers, beat Piacenza 2-1 and Lazio, the leaders, beat Venezia 2-0. Sampdoria, not missing David Platt, brushed aside Internazionale 4-0, and inevitably Mircea Lucescu. Inter's interim coach from Romania, promptly re-signed. What Manchester United started, Sampdoria emphatically finished.

Ronaldo has been voted: the second-worst Brazilian footballer in a poli conducted by a Brazilian sports newspaper. The Internazionale striker, who has twice been voted world player of the year, received 73 votes and was runnerup to Mirandinha, of Corinthians, with 130.

By Saturday 40 nations will be fully engaged in qualifying for the European championships. In France there could be an intriguing Desailly, of Chelsea, and Andrei Shevchenko, whose speed and precision finishing have powered Dynamo Kiev to a European Cup semi-final against Bayern Munich. Along with most of his Dynamo colleagues. Shevchenko will be representing Ukraine.

However, for some, the weekend prospects and the journeying are bleak. Ire-land, already denied a visit to Beigrade, await news as to whether their game against Macedonia in Skopje on Saturday goes ahead; there are 10,000 Nato troops assembling in the city, and the threat of war will almost: certainly prevent a football

contest. Similarly, the game between Yugoslavia and Croatia in Beigrade is also likely to be postponed.

# Ipswich on Wright track

West Bromwich Albion ......0

By PETER ROBINSON

THERE are lies, damned lies and statistics — an old saying and as true of sport as it is of the political arena that spawned it. Cricket is nothing without numbers, its bowling figures, its batting averages and its scorecards. Tennis is counting for simpletons, golf for the slightly less dim. Americans have designed entire national pastimes around the need to count in equations. think baseball, think Ameri-

can football. So here's a stat: Ipswich Town have kept 22 clean sheets in the Nationwide League this season. They did it again on Saturday against West Bromwich Albion. Some more numbers: they won 1-0, picked up three points to take their total to 73 and are second

in the table. True, the numbers do not Manuel Thetis had scored

tell you how all this has been after 15 minutes and Mark achieved, but if you had been Angel had spurned a chance to at The Hawthorns on Saturday, it would have been easy understand. lpswich are very good at defending. far too good for most sides in the first division. Going forward, they have a back three: going backwards. they have a back eight or nine. Oh, and rather crucially, the best goalkeeper outside the FA Carling Premiership, indeed, a 21-year-old who is rather

better than many of those in it. Richard Wright was a class apart on Saturday. It may have seemed that he had little to do, but that was simply because he made it look so easy. International recognition and a place in the full squad have come already and although Kevin Keegan, the temporary England coach, has dropped him back into the junior party for the forthcoming internationals. Wright is quite happy.

He may be a little busier with the under-21s, too. Once

the England Under-21 defend-

er. Bournemouth had by far

the better of exchanges, a fact

conceded by David Moyes, the

Preston manager, who himself

was unable to select five first-

team players through injury. Of those sidelined it was Sean

Gregan, the Preston captain.

who was the most notable ab-

sentee as his side failed to con-

tain the enterprise brimming

O'Neil exemplified the compo-

sure in that department and

they combined to create the

only goal of the game in the

thirteenth minute. O'Neil's

throw-in released Robinson

and his precise cross to the far

post was headed firmly into

Although Preston increased

the pressure after half-time,

the closest the march came to

another goal was when lan

Cox. the Bournemouth centre

half, had a header cleared off

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the line by Mark Rankine.

the net by Steve Fletcher.

Steve Robinson and John

in Bournemouth's midfield.

equalise a few moments later. the die was cast. The goal was a good one, a cross by Clar ham, an attempted overhead kick by Thetis that waited upwards rather than goalwards and then another go, with the big defender now grounded. flat on his back, that flew into the bottom corner. The miss was a horror, one that Lee Hughes, the League's leading goalscorer, would surely have converted had he not been ruled out with an injury.

A good goal, a worthy win, and yet Thetis went home in a huff. A fracas near the end, in which Sean Flynn pushed him to the ground and he, on getting up, continued the dispute, saw both players dismissed. WEST BRONWICH ALBION (4-42) P Whitehead — D Gebbidon D Burges, M Carbon, G Patter (sub. S Murphy, 75mn) — J Ourni (sub. J Fichards, 82), R Sneekes, S Plym, M Angel — P De Fredas, N Kibana (sub E Mareocal 82)

IPSWCH TOWN (3-5-2) R Witcht — M Thelis, A Mowlary, M Verius — F Wirus, M Stockwell, M Holland, J Magilton, J Clap-hom — J Scowcrott, D Johnson

Huddersfield Town ... Birmingham City...... BY MARTIN WOODS

THERE'S a wood perched on top of the hillside that peers down over the McAlpine Stadium, the sort once fashionable amone rock and sports stars as a tax efficient investment. As the Nationwide League first division race reaches its final furlong, Birmingham City find themselves stuck in the middle of a more openly

tive world of the FA Carling Premiership.
Trevor Francis's side are seeking deliverance. Huddersfield Town would love to be in their shoes. Virtually impregnable at home, the Terriers abhor travelling. Their 3-0 reverse the previous Saturday against Ipswich Town was their eleventh away defeat. ingly taking a grip on the divi-sion — it was first traced to the Reebok Stadium last month. when Crewe Alexandra beat Rolton 3-1 — Huddersfield were due to ambush one of the play-off favourites. That they didn't, and allowed Birmingham to earn a point, despite having Gary Rowett, the defender, sent off after 80 minutes for an agricultural challenge on Facey, the scorer of

firms the wishful nature of

Huddersfield's equaliser, conhostile plantation battling to join Sunderland in the lucra-



Gary Rowett dismissed

MUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): N Vaccen — S Jendins, C Armstrong, K Grey, R Edwards — D Facey (sub. S Basidry, 88min), D Hamston (aut. C Beach, 85), G Johnson, B Thomley — M Stewart, W Alsson. Alson.

BISHMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2), K Poole — J Bass, G Powet, M Johnson, S Cheston — M Granger, B Hughes (sub: S Robinson, 8-8), M O'Connor, J McCarthy — D Adebote, (sub: P Furforg, 52), P Ndlovu (sub: N Forster, 75)

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# **Bournemouth have** formula for future

By A Correspondent

TALK of investment and consolidation is in the air around Bournemouth. However, with the transfer deadline looming. bricks and mortar - rather than central defenders - will be the priorities for discussion this week. The club that were just ten minutes from extinction two years ago are hopeful that a meeting with the local council tomorrow will secure a long-term future

at Dean Court. Mel Machin, the Bournemouth manager, is optimistic. particularly after his young side's impressive victory over second-placed Preston North End at Deepdale thickened the plot as to the identity of the other team that will be promoted automatically with Fulham from the Nationwide

League second division. We have plans to build a new stadium, turn the ground on its side away from the houses and give all-round access." Machin said. Such grandiose visions are not diminished by the talented squad that Machin has assembled.

# Brazilian wounded after close encounter

Calchester United Manchester City...

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

IT WAS one of those evenings when truth was stranger than fiction. The defining image of the match was not the single moment of quality that decid-ed it, but a look of bewilder-

it appeared on the face of Andy Morrison, the Manchester City captain and central defender, shown a yellow card by Rob Styles, the referee, on the stroke of half-time. He gazed towards the bench, arms outstretched, in appeal

to some higher power. It was his twelfth booking of the season, the club's 71st, and was awarded for a museular, but hardly improper, aerial challenge for the ball. It was one of seven yellow cards shown in a game which barely contained a tackle worthy of the name. "We've already had one [yellow card] this season for aggressive walking, now we've got one for heading the ball cleanly." Joe Royle, the City manager, said.

Bizarre, but what can you

expect when one glance at the

match programme suggested

that the entire City team had been mysteriously removed from this dimension and replaced by Oldham Athletic players? Or when a Brazilian. José Antunes Fumaca, makes his Colchester United debut after signing from Grimsby Town reserves, then vanishes almost immediately, on a stretcher after a clash of heads

With the relentless logic of

the chaos theory that is seem-

with Morrison? Spooky. It may have been the effects of City's away kit, which bathed Layer Road in an eerie glow, or of the six o'clock kickoff time, arranged to satisfy the demands of the pay-perview audience. They must have wondered why they had wasted their money, until the 55th minute, when Shaun Goater beat Carl Emberson with a dipping volley. Goater's goal in a game when the number of balls hoofed out of the ground reached double figures, was a visitor from another world. Cue theme music

from The X-Files. COLCHESTER UNITED (4-3-1-2): C Emborson — 1- Dugad, D Greene, S Pouvewardy, J Durse — P Buddo, W Approxit, D Gregory — J Artures Franças (sain MSale, 16mm sub S Starros, 65) — J Dozzal, N Grenov

MANCHESTER CITY (3-5-2) N Weaver G Wietens, A Morrison, A Yaughan — L. Crooks, T Cooke (sub. J Whitey, 78), M Brown, I Bishop, P. Edghib — S Goater, G Taylor,

# Motson's notebook gets a workout

Cambridge United ...... Mansfield Town.....

By BILL EDGAR

SEATED deep in the ram-shackle stands, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire earphones touching the collar of his sheepskin coat, was the incon-gruous figure of John Motson. A guest of Cambridge United at this match, the Match of the Day veteran had delighted the local station by accepting a cheeky request to provide some analysis alongside their regular commentator. His generous gesture deserved reward, and United obliged him by creating a scoring record for his well-filled statistical notebook.

Not that Motson would have considered a little unscheduled work in the Nationwide League third division as an ordeal. His visit to the Abbey Stadium was a busman's holiday in which he seemed to relish doing some unpaid overtime behind the steering wheel. He will certainly be proud to say he saw Cambridge score seven at home for the first time since

they joined the Football

have been possible for Motson to imagine he was in his familiar territory of the FA Carling Premiership, such were the dever passing movements of both sides. Cambridge prevailed, however, because they possessed three strikers Martin Butler, John Taylor and Trevor Benjamin - who have scored 51 goals between them this season.

Removed from the top of the division by Cardiff City's win over Exeter City at lunchtime. Cambridge returned to the summit through a hat-trick from Butler - a header, a turn and shot, and a penalty - and a goal each from Taylor, Benamin, Richard Walker and Neil Mustoe. Mansfield remain in the

play-off places and deserved more than a first-half equaliser from Tony Lormor and a penalty from Lee Peacock that made the score 42 after 64 minutes.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (4-3-3): A van Heusden — 8 Chenery, S Euslace, A Duncan, J Campbel — N. Musion, P. Wanless, D. Prece tuto: I Ashbee, 46min), J Taylor (sub T Waller, 83) — M. Butler (sub T Youngs 89), T Benisman, MANSPIED TOWN (3-5-2): I Bowing — M. Peters, J. Schofeld, S. Ryder — L. Wilsams, D. Keri (sub: A Fond, 79), C. L'Heigheucht (sub: J. Waller, 60), G. Tallon, S. Harper — L. Pescock, A Lormor (sub: M. Canuthers, 74).
Reference J Branchwood



readers the chance to win one of two pairs of tickets to England's European Championship qualifier against Poland, at Wernbley on Saturday. After the match the two winners and their companions will meet England striker Michael Owen. Owen scored two goals on his World Cup debut in France last

year. One against Romania and one against Argentina that was described by some commentators as the best goal scored in the World Cup. The England striker will sign any personal items out winners and their companions take to the match. The winners will also each get a case of Walkers Cheese and Owen crisps. Four runners-up will each receive a signed Michael Owen ... football and a case of Walkers Cheese and Owen crisps.

BOW TO EXTER For your chance to win tickets to the England. v Poland match and meet Michael Owen, call our competition hotline before midnight, tonight, with your answer to this question. How many goals ald Michael Owen score in the 1998 World Cup finals in France?

Call 0640 678 891 The winners will be selected at random from all correct entries received.

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# Malady hits Keegan's European boot camp

By George Caulkin

II was in the early days of his tumultuous tenure at Newcas-tle United that Kevin Keegan was asked to express his novice opinions of football management. There was a fittle wink, the hint of a smile, as the response was formulated.

"You hope and you pretend that you know what you're doing," he said. Even then, the man was honing his qualifications for the national job.

By the time the latecomers

from Manchester, Birming-ham and Wembley converged on England's training camp in deepest Buckinghamshire last night, Keegan will have long been aware of the particular trials associated with coaching at international level. The squad announced, the interviews completed and along comes the inevitable wave of sapping injuries. Little wort-der that Glenn Hoddle's successor - charged with re-igniting England's qualifying cam-paign for the European championships, beginning with the visit of the group leaders, Poland, on Saturday — should speak so wistfully yesterday of his half-decade on Tyneside and the ambitious, winning

improvisation that enthralled a city.
"If you think I'm going to change my style just because it is England, then it is not the case. I think it's exciting to work with players of such abil-ity. I'll do it the same way," he said. As is now traditional, the restrictions of the position are not conducive to long-term planning or continuity. Part-time luck dogs the England manager, full-time or not.

Already, Keegan could have lost a significant collection of players to injury, most notably Michael Owen. The Liverpool striker damaged his hamstring at Derby County last weekend and took no meaningful part in his chub's subse-

France Andy Cole would be his most obvious replacement. Another appealing option would involve a renewal of the successful club partnership between Alan Shearer and his former Blackburn Rovers colleague Chris Sutton, whose return to the England fold is the most palpable illustration that Keegan is cast in a differ-ent mould to his predecessor. Sution, however, mildly in-jured an abductor muscle dur-ing Blackburn's 3-1 defeat of

carrying a calf strain, and so the list goes on.

While neither Sutton's nor Beckham's injuries are expected to preclude their participation at Wembley, the same cannot be said of others. David Batty is suffering from a "bug" while Andy Hinchcliffe, the left back, has a back complaint. Given that Paul Ince remains suspended and Steve Howey is absent with a calf strain, Keegan could be forgiven for sprouting a few new

Wimbledon, David Beckham

has also reported for duty

grey hairs.

Precisely how to wring the hest from Shearer may be a further cause of premature ageing. But Keegan will have flicked through the motivational works of Vince Lombardi. the legendary coach of American football's Green Bay Pack-ers, as he prepared to deliver the rousing speech he prom-ised when his squad assembled at Burnham Beeches at 9pm. Depleted or not, each of his players will have felt like

kings.

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# Celtic fail to take advantage

Kilmamock

By PHIL GORDON

CELTIC may have different players on the wage bill, and a different coach in the dugout, but Rugby Park continues to baunt their every championship ambition.

The sense of deja-vu was in-escapable as Jozef Venglos's side stumbled here just as hesitantly as Tommy Burns' steam did two years ago. Cettle may have cut the deficit on Rangers to nine points at the top of the Scottish Premier League, but this result was greeted as surely as if it had been a defeat.

How Celtic must wish they had saved just one of their recent plethora of goals for this occasion, but Kilmarnock, one time challengers for the title themselves, eased the anxiety of the other half of the Old Firm.

United 24 hours earlier had opened up a fresh vein of optimism for Celtic and the champions placed Kilmarnock under incessant pressure in the opening ten minutes.

However, Viduka was just too eager and the Celtic forward allowed himself to be caught offside on three occa-

Mistiming, though, gradually became contagious with a succession of badly-judged tackies resulting in fouls. Ian backles resulting in fouls. Ian Durrant, the Kilmarnock midfield player, was spoken to for a bad challenge from behind on Paul Lambert before Paul Wright, his colleague, earned the first caution of the night for scything down Craig Burley.

Gus McPherson, Kilmarnock's right back, could have

nock's right back, could have joined Wright in the 24th minute when he chopped Larsson down by the corner flag. McPherson was probably extracting a measure of revenge for a tackle by the clubs met last month, which left a bad wound, and was fortunate to escape censure

Indeed, the punishment could have been greater had Johan Mjallby's fierce header from McKinlay's free kick not flown just over, but within a minute the Celtic central defender too was booked for cutting Gary Holt down.

Real chances, however, remained at a premium. McCoist's gallant dive almost connected with Kerr's fine ball into the box, but the striker could not apply the vital touch, and then Holt denied Regi Blinker as the Celpic midfield player was released by a deft Larsson pass. The war of attrition contin-

ued in the second half and McPherson was soon booked for a foul on McKinlay. The game was pressed into the middle third of the pitch, and although both sides tried to maintain a fluent passing game, no sooner had one dis-Swede on him when these covered a possible route Belence

scurried to close it down. Lambert's fine run did manage to pierce Kilmarnock's barrier to deliver a tempting cross, but again Viduka was caught offside.

Fortune smiled on Kilmarnock, too, when on the hour, Gordon Marshall dropped Blinker's corner, but there was no Celtic player close enough to punish the goal-keeper. Kevin McGowne was cautioned for a dreadful 68thminute tackle from behind on Viduka but, in truth, the Celtic player had been too sluggish to be much of a threat. McKinlay delivered anoth-

er fine corner with ten minutes left, but Riseth, who scored the winner when these sides met last month, this time saw his header are just over SAW INS REAGET ARE JUST OVER
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# **Tiverton** book Wembley

Tiverton Town. Taunton Town....

(Tiverton win 5-1 on agg) By Walter Gammie

return

ANY lingering doubt that Tiverton Town will be back at Wembley on May 16 to defend the FA Carlsberg Vase against Bedlington Terriers was put to rest in the space of 15 minutes of the semi-final second leg at Ladysmead on Saturday.

Twice Peie Varley, whose goal against Tow Law Town won Tiverion the trophy last year, broke through during that period and twice he was hauled down by Dave Penberthy, the Taunton goalkeep-er, as he dribbled past him. The first time Penberthy

was booked, and Steve Daly drove in a low penalty off the goalkeeper's right-hand post. The second time it happened, the goalkeeper was sent off and Daly sweetly placed his kick inside the left-hand post of Derek Fowler, the stand-in goalkeeper.

Before Daly took his second penalty, the pent-up frustration felt by Taunton at having to play second fiddle to oppo-nents they had twice mastered in their meetings in the Screw-fix Direct League this season poured out. Penberthy remon-strated angrily at the second penalty award and flung his jersey to the ground before stomping to the sidelines. And an ugly-looking brawl threatened to get out of hand before Russell Musker, the Taunton manager, helped to calm

down the warring parties.

The goal scored in the eighth minute of injury time at the end of the first half by Ellis Laight, after the Tiverton defence had been caught out by a ball pumped forward by Paul Thorpe, was Taunton's only high point of a semi-final effectively lost by the 3-0 defeat on their own ground the previous week. At least Taunton did not have far to travel home, unlike when they lost at Tow Law in the semi-final last season.

TWENTON TOWN (5-3-2) P Edwards — M Fallon, D Tallon (sub. 5 Smrth, 79mm), P Tallorion, N Saunders, D Leonard — K Nancelovel, P Conning (sub. 5 Rogers, 83), S Daly — P Variey (sub. R Paars, 83), P Evised TAUNTON TOWN (3-5-2) D Penberthy — P West, T Kelly, R Thompson (sub. P Jhope, 15) — D Fowler, M Parker (sub. M Linterfers, 23). C Micros. 18 sectors (sub. M Linterfers, 23). C Micros. 18 sectors (sub. M

#### BOXING

# Lewis and Holyfield to meet in September

By Our Sports Staff

rematch between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis will be staged in September, it was announced yesterday. Don King, the boxing promoter, said on American television that another contest between the heavyweight boxers was the only way to settle the controversy sparked when their bout in New York on March 13 which Lewis dominated -

was judged a draw.
King said he had obtained Holyfield's signature for the rematch on Saturday, and already had the agreement of Lewis. "I've signed both fighters for the rematch, this is the only curative we have in boxing when you have a dispute, is to have a rematch," he

"Holyfield wants to fight in September, and Lewis wants to fight in September, so we're going to see if we can work it out for September. We don't know when and where right now, I will go to work on

Followers of boxing on both sides of the Atlantic derided the verdict that allowed Holyfield of the United States, to retain his World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles, saying Lewis, of Britain, holder of the World Boxing Council
title, was clearly the winner.
A number of investigations

have been launched into the bout and lawyers have begun legal steps to seek damages for angry British fans.

"They want a return of the money spent on the trip on the basis that what they saw was not a fair and proper fight," Stephen Alexander, a lawyer, said. "People expected to see the heavyweight champion-ship of the world staged in a proper manner."

Alexander said the claim would be on behalf of two groups of fans, the first from among the 8,000 Britons who went to New York for the fight and the second from those who saw it on pay television.

The claims are being brought against the promoters, the holiday companies and the New York Boxing Board of Control.

ICE HOCKEY: SHEFFIELD OVERCOME TROUBLES TO CLAIM FIRST SUPERLEAGUE CUP

# Sjerven's steel frustrates Panthers

Nottingham Panthers .....0 Sheffield Steelers.....4

BY MARTIN LEACH

SHEFFIELD Steelers made sure of at least one trophy from a troubled season when they claimed the Superleague Challenge Cup for the first time with victory over Notting

ham Panthers.

Brothers Teeder and John. Wynne shot the Steelers 20

#### Manchester keep up the pressure

MANCHESTER Storm ended another miserable week for the London Knights ice bockey franchise with a 3-0 win in the Sekonda play-off championships. The Superleague champions needed to win to keep the pressure on Sheffield Steelers and Bracknell Bees in the battle for the two qualifying places from group A. They secured victory with two goals from Jeff Jablonski and one from Darren Hurley.

ahead, on their own ice, inside This is famastic after the long five minutes before Panthers and hard year we have had. five minutes before Panthers were frustrated by the bril-liance of Grant Sjerven, the Steelers' neminder.

A third from Ed Courtenay and Kenny Priestlay's fourth into an empty net, confirmed victory for the Sheffield side whose season has been dominated by illness and injury.

from Ian Taylor, the chief executive of the Superleague, said:

downs, but there are a lot of winners in that dressing TOOTIL"

Contrastingly, Mike Blais-dell, the Panthers disappointed coach, imparted his sympathy for his team's fans and added: "The killer period for Rob Wilson, the Steelers capus was losing those first two tain, who accepted the cup goals so quickly and then we could never find the shots to beat Sjerven."



The Panthers came out cold and were punished heavily. Within a minute, Craig Chapman had provided a taste of what was to come by robbing a slow-moving Mike Bishop and testing Trevor Robins's

catching hand. Hakan Falkenhall, of Sweden, and David Longstaff also had time to give the Panthers more scares before Teeder Wynne struck after two minutes, swooping in to score with Panthers in disarray. He threatened again and Pan-thers were still trying to regroup when John Wynne made it 2-0 in the fifth minute. It took a holding penalty against Steelers Priestlay to get the Panthers moving as an

attacking force. But it was then that Sjerven made his huge personal state-ment with a series of memorable saves. Sheffield soaked up the pressure and scored their third goal out of nothing before underlining their su-premacy through Priestlay's remarkable long-range effort after 58 minutes.

Wynne (1+1), T Wynne (1+0), Allson (0+2), Longstafi (0+1)

BOWLS

### Bournville win sours Pearn's birthday goal MARK PEARN scored a fine

individual goal for Reading on his 22nd birthday yesterday. but his effort was not enough to save his side from a 3-2 home defeat by Bournville, for whom Bertram had an outstanding game in defence, scoring two goals from short corners (Sydney Friskin writes). Several vital issues were resolved after yesterday's matches, which put Cannock in an unassailable position at the top of the table, even though they were held to a 5-5

with a hat-trick of his own for Cannock were given a fright at home on Saturday by Bournville, who held out until scored the only goal of the match from a short corner.

draw at Guildford. Crutchley.

scored three goals for the

visitors, while Arscott replied

Teddington on Saturday, qualified for the championship play-offs, along with Cannock, after a 2-0 away win over

Trailing these clubs in the table are Reading and Canterbury, who were beaten 5-2 yesterday by Beeston. With one match to play, on April II. Canterbury, only two points ahead of Beeston, face a serious challenge for a place in the top four. East Grinstead and. Brooklands have been relegated to the first division. . Matches in the first division

were completed yesterday, with Surbiton ending the sea-son on top of the table after a 7-1 victory over Firebrand and qualifying for a two-match play off with Hounslow for the tenth and final place in the restructured premier division, next season.

### **England and Scotland** shine in midday sun SO THIS was what many of da. However, Wales, the cham-

Britain's leading women bowlers missed the home indoor internationals for last week the Atlantic Rim outdoor championships got under way at the Goodwood Bowis Club in Cape Town yesterday in warm sunshine, and against a

Rhys Jones writes). A gusty wind made conditions difficult in the shadow of Table Mountain, but the host country, who won the title in Durban four years ago, coped well, winning all four matches - two each in triples and

scenic backdrop that Belfast

just could not match (David

pairs.

England, who look strong. and Scotland, who look even stronger, made good starts, with four wins out of four. England defeated Argentina

and Guernsey, and Scotland

defeated Namibia and Cana-

pions, lost to Ireland in both disciplines, before recovering with a couple of victories over Holland.

The Scots have been in such commanding form this winter on indoor curpets, that it would come as no surprise if they won the title, with such stalwarts as Margaret Letham, Joyce Lindores and Sarah Gourlay.

Ireland, whose wins over Wales got them off to a dream start, were set back on their heels when they lost to Zimbabwe in the pairs, and tied in the triples, in which Margaret Johnston is skip.

Johnston, the best-known woman bowler in the world, had a reasonably good day on the green, but was unlucky off it, when her handbag, placed at the end of the rink, was stolen -



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(Grimsby).
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Booked: Ferrer, Desailly, Wise.

SCOTLAND BANK OF SCOTLAND (1) 1 **FIRST DIVISION** In the thick of the action: Oliver Bierhoff, centre right, takes on the Bari defence during

AC Milan's 2-2 draw at the San Siro yesterday. Photograph: Carlo Fumagalli

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NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES FA VASE RYMAN

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Hungerlord 0 Harlow 4; Merlow 2 Hernel
Hempsteed 3; Northwood 1 Chellord 3; Peters
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**TENNIS** 

Rusedski fires

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FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA

IT IS taking time but, slowly,

Greg Rusedski is beginning to

warm to life in Florida. After

his less than secure opening

performance at the Lipton

championships, he eased into the last 16 with a simple 6-3,

6-4 win over Hendrik Dreek-

flashy, it was not impressive,

but it was nice and safe and

that is what the Great Britain

No 2 needs at the moment.

The fireworks can wait for

Dreekman is one of those

players who never really seems to get any further in the

general scheme of things.

Ranked No 102 in the world,

that is about his level,

although he does have one win over Rusedski to his name.

That, however, was three

years ago at the US Open and Rusedski has learnt a lot since

then. Yesterday, although the

first service was not particularly reliable, he managed eight

aces and enough decent volleys to put Dreekman in his

place. He now plays either Nicolas Kiefer or Pat Rafter

After two years in semi-re-

tirement and a history of

aches, pains and maladies

that has caused him to miss

more tournaments than he

has played, Boris Becker has

decided to start his Wimble-

don preparations early. Al-

though he said, in 1997, that he

would not play another grand-

slam event, the smell of the

grass has whetted Becker's

appetite for one last crack at

SW19 and the hard work

starts now - or rather, it did.

On Saturday night, the old boy was upstaged 7-5, 6-0 by

Marat Safin, one of the new

Everything was going well for the first half an hour before

Becker dropped his service.

From keeping pace with the young gun, Becker lost his rhythm and did not win another game. "I think it's

down to not playing any

matches in the last couple of

months," Becker said. That is

a situation he intends to rectify

before he bids farewell to the

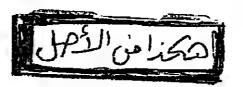
All England Club. "It all

pretenders to his crown.

for a place in the last eight.

later in the week.

man, of Germany. It was not



# Clarke gives his short game a long workout

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, COLF CORRESPONDENT, IN ORLANDO

FOR THE best part of 21/2 hours yesterday morning, Darren Clarke practised his golf with missionary zeal at the Bay Hill Club. Appropri-ately enough for a Sunday, he was doing penance for his bad play earlier in the week. He had a wedge in his hands and shot after shot arced away and travelled 70 or so yards to the

flag he was aiming at. Several balls hit their target. but you would hardly have known from Clarke's demeanour. He just used the toe of a pitching wedge to roll another ball onto a patch of grass and hit that ball — and another and another.

Clarke was on the practice ground, the place the pros call "Heartbreak Hill". He was not happy about his short game in the first two rounds of the Bay Hill Invitational,

where he had missed the halfway cut, and for Clarke there was only one remedy. That was work and more work for the man who is already one of the hardest-working players in Europe. Nothing distracted him. He hardly looked up.

Even when Lee Westwood. his friend, came to practise alongside and started talking football, Clarke carried on hitting balls. When someone shouted out Ireland's score against Scotland in the Five Nations Championship rugby match the previous day, Clarke merely grunted.

Colin Montgomerie wan-dered over and talked football with Westwood and Billy Foster, Clarke's caddie. 'I am a member of the ABU dub -Anybody But United," Mont-

gomerie said. Soon Tim Herron and



Coope focuses intently on her progress during the step-climb phase of the X Zone

# Coope reaches victory zone

BY DAVID POWELL

SARAH COOPE has won six British and six European triathlon titles, finished third in the Hawaii Ironman and given birth to three children. At 34, you would have thought she might welcome a rest. No chance.

Yesterday, Coope entered new territory at the Birming-ham NEC for the X Zone, a competition which the organisers said would determine Britain's fittest man and woman. If the argument over whether a ten-discipline gymnasium challenge can settle such titles remains unresolved, there was no doubt-ing the identity of the X Zone's first champion.

Coope won hands down, or, more to the point, chest out, stomach in. The section that had worried her was the rope climb but, with a Royal Marine assigned to each finalist to marshal and motivate, she need not have felt uneasy. The rope was the seventh discipline. "Get up there. Move

it," her marine shouted at her. So she did.

Behind her was a 3,000 metres cycle, 30 push-ups, a 3,000 metres run, a set of chins, dips and bicep hits, 2,000 metres of rowing and the tyres and beam coordination test. Ahead was a step climb, equivalent to the height of Blackpool Tower, another 5.000 metres cycle, and a shuttle run. Yet Coope would not accept that she was Britain's fittest woman. "I was the fit-

test person here," she said. However, Kelly Holmes, the British 1,500 metres record-holder and a former Army physical training instructor, argued on the side of the organisers. "I really do

that title," Holmes said. Glenn Cafley, who fought for the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title last year, agreed. Hywel Davies, a teacher from Learnington, had won other similar competitions and said that it was "beyond any doubt" that he was Britain's fittest man. "It is a fair claim," Catley, who repre-sented boxing in the inter-

sport challenge, said. Women's rowing annihilated men's teams from professional squash, rugby union and rugby league. The pro-moter had calculated from world records that women perform to 88 per cent of the men's standards and the disciplines were weighted accordingly to provide a level test.

The women's rowing five included Cath Bishop and Dot Blackie, runners-up in the world championships coxless pairs last year. Try telling Bishop that rowing is not Brit-ain's fittest sport. "Everybody is telling us that and we accept It." she said.

depends on being able to play a couple of tournaments -- sir gles and doubles -- each week to improve," he said. "The key for me is to stay injury-free and play the next two or three months in a row."

It will take rather more than few extra tournaments to prepare Carlos Moyà for the vagaries of grass court tennis at the moment, any form of the game is causing him problems as he comes to terms world No I. Still, he is an awfully popular player and, yes-terday, even the umpire was willing to help him in his third-round encounter with Jason Stoltenberg.

A break up in the third set, Moya lost his lead and was rather fortunate to get it back a couple of games later, with most dubious of over-rules, to sneak into the

### Agassi vows never to play for US again

HE MAY not be a part of the team, he may not even be a part of the tournament any more, but you just cannot keep Andre Agassi down (Alix Ramsay writes).

Along with Pete Sampras, he has long since ruled himself out of contention for the Davis Cup tie in Birming-ham, but on Saturday he was determined to have his say. Getting stuck into a row with the United States Tennis Association (USTA), he has vowed never to play for his country

The USTA dispensed with George Fareed, the Davis Cup team doctor, and Agassi is furious. "George goes to the wall for you during Davis Cup weeks, the players loved him, appreciated him," Agassi said. "It's just another example of how the players aren't consulted about anything that happens. I never say never, but I'm never playing again."

# In-form Webb leaves rivals in the shade

By Patricia Davies, in phoenix, arizona

BEFORE the final round of the Standard Register Ping fournament at Moon Valley bere yesterday, Karrie Webb was 79 under par for the 22 rounds of golf that she has played so far this season. The Australian, from Ayr in

Queensland, was II under par after 54 boles here with scores of 68, 68 and 69. She led by two shots from Lorie Kane, of Canada, and by four from Wendy Ward and Tina Barrett. both Americans. In short, Webb, just 24 is in

phenomenal form. At the Australian Masters, which she led from start to finish after an opening 63, she set a US tour record of 26 under par, which was all the more special for being at home in front of her friends and family.

So far she has won twice. been second once and — on her off weeks — slipped to seventh and eighth. She has won

nearly \$300,000 and was poised to add another \$127,500, the first prize here, to take her career earnings past the \$3 million mark in just over three seasons, a record eclipsing the five years that it

had a hole in one at the 2nd hole on Saturday but finished no impression on Webb. The Australian's technique and demeanour are so calm and unfussy that she almost compiles her scores by stealth, but her success is no surprise to her peers.

Kane watches Webb off the tee because her timing is so sweet and summed up her virmes: "When you have a golf swing, a game and an attitude like Karrie, you're going to great athlete and a very good

The Swede, the world No 1,

with a lacklustre 71 and made

now, but it isn't.
"On Thursday I was doing not too badly and then took a double bogey on the 9th, my 18th. I had 126 yards to the front of the green and I hit it 125 and the ball plugged in a bunker. On the 16th on Friday I had a simple shot to the green, but I was between a wedge and a nine-iron, I misjudged it and hit into the

"I have to get the short clubs into action. There is nothing better if you hit it into a bush than getting the ball out, getting up and down and going to the next tee. Everybody goes through bad spells. It is time mine ended."

that but it is just as true for pro-

short game you can turn a 76 into a 72 and a 72 keeps you in a tournament while a 76 puts

you out of it. At the moment my game is a long way from being right. Yesterday I went shopping. It was the first day

for eight weeks I have not prac-

tised and I really enjoyed hav-ing a day off. Golf feels very

difficult at the moment. It

should be coming right by

He blew out a cloud of smoke from the big cigar he was smoking. "I'll keep going for a bit yet, head up to Jacksonville for the Players Championship) tonight and do more of the same there tomorrow."

Evergreen Palmer, page 34

### EQUESTRIANISM: GERMAN RIDER OUALIFIES FOR WORLD CUP IN TENSE FINALE

of Germany's 1996 Olympic gold medal winning team, secured his place in the World Cup final next month after a dramatic win on Loro Piana Esprit in the Dutch qualifying

round here yesterday. The former national champion relegated the Dutch favourite, Emile Hendrix, on Finesse, to second place by 0.91sec and Trevor Coyle, on Mary McCann's brilliant stallion, Cruising - on which the Irish rider won both the Millstreet and Geneva qualifying rounds - took third place, just ahead of his compatriot. Peter Charles, on Traxdata

Carnavelly. Only four of the 38 horses in the event were clear in the opening round. Most problems occurred down the final line in which a big oxer, fence 12, was followed by five strides

Speedy Nieberg has the final say LARS NIEBERG, a member FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN SHERTOGENBOSCH

> to the combination, the final fence. Geoff Billington, one of the two Britons in the class. faulted at both fences on Virtual Village It's Otto, "I thought when I walked the course he'd cope with it easily," Billington said. "If I had to do it again I'd try to put an extra stride in before the combination."

> Briton, did exactly that on Vir-

tual Village Heyman, but to his frustration, he had incurred four faults at fence 8, a triple bar. "It was probably the easiest fence on the course," Whitaker said. Fortunately, he already has enough

John Whitaker, the other

more points at one of the last two qualifying rounds to make certain of his place. In the jump-off, Coyle had the disadvantage of going first. Neatly over the first two

fences, he tried to save time with an acute turn into fence 3A, a set of upright planks, but points to secure his place in the final, though Billington. Cruising slithered to a halt in front of the fence, incurring who is placed fifteenth in the three faults. Hendrix, seeking his first win in a qualifier, made no European League, from which the top 19 qualify, needs a few

mistake on Finesse and had the packed Brahanthalle thumping the floor with ap-Rider's case to be heard proval as he clocked a clear POLLY PHILLIPPS, the British three-day-event rider whose round in 31.60sec. When Charles hit fence 4 there was a horse Coral Cove tested positive for a banned substance after the world championships in Rome in October, will have her case heard by the judicial committee of the International Equessigh of relief from the crowd, but their euphoria was shorttrian Federation on April 29. If Phillipps's breach of medication control is upheld, Britain will lose the team bronze medal she lived. Nieberg, the last to go, sped round in breathtaking won at the championships and her qualification for the Sydney style to finish in 30.69. Olympic Games, although there is a last chance to qualify for

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### CRICKET

### Four wickets for Elworthy

STEVE ELWORTHY'S sec-

ond four-wicket haul of the match helped take South Africa to the verge of victory at the end of the fourth day's play in the third Test against New Zealand at Wellington yesterday.

Needing 276 runs to make
South Africa hat again, the
home side finished the day on 217 for seven wickets, still 59 runs in arrears. After Hansie Cronje, the South African cantain, had declared at the overnight score of 498 for eight. New Zealand soon lost the

wickets of Bryan Young, Rog-

er Twose and Matt Horne.

Nathan Astle and Gary Stead revived the innings with a partnership of 65 until Elworthy trapped Stead for 33. Astle, who was dropped three times, also fell to the same bowler for 62 as Elworthy finished with 4-58 from 22 overs. Paul Adams, the wrist spinner. bowled Chris Harris for 41 shortly before the close while Adam Parore's innings ended with a spectacular, one-handed catch by Jonty Rhodes.

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# BASKETBALL

### Sharks edge towards title

SHEFFIELD SHARKS are now overwhelming favourites to win the Budweiser League after following up the 111-109 double overtime win over Manchester Giants on Friday with an 82-70 victory over Leicester Riders on Saturday (Nicholas Harling writes).

Their satisfaction was complete with the news that Todd Cauthorn had escaped a nasty fall against Leicester with nothing worse than severe bruising to his knee, and that their closest rivals, the Manchester Giants, had lost 66-64 at home s to London Towers.

"It has been a very good weekend for us," Chris Finch. the Sharks coach, said. "The players were tired after the game against Manchester, but somehow they found it within themselves to produce again."

Without Cauthorn, their oft 8in forward, the Sharks struggled. "It was not the prettiest of affairs," Finch said, after see-ing his team trail 48-47, but Travis Conlan led the Sharks home with 19 points, followed by Ian McKinney with 16 and Wil Johnson with 15.

the Games at the European championships in September.

E MOTOR RALLYING: Colin McRae started the fourth round of the world rally championship in Oporto yesterday with a 50kg weight penalty, which could lose him a quarter of a second a kilometre on the 400-kilometre Rally of Portugal. His Ford Focus has had Iskg shaved off since its last outing in Europe in February, but it will not be until the Rally of New Zealand in July that the car will be at fighting weight. McRae yesterday set the fastest time on the opening 3.2-kilometre spectator stage near Oporto.

Expowers: In weekend races on the Tideway, Oxford met Queen's Tower, a crew with seven Great Britain internationals on board. In a race from Putney to Chiswick Steps, Oxford won by two thirds of a length. Cambridge faced an Austrian crew that included five internationals and won a race that had to be restarted by four lengths.

BOWLS: Mark Royal, 24, from Stowmarket survived three close matches to win the Warner Holidays All England Champion of Champions indoor title at Gunton Hall Village, Lowestoft last night. Royal overcame Robert Newman, of Reading, 21-19 in the linal.

E GOLF: A spirited rally by Cambridge in the second-day singles could not prevent Oxford from retaining the title by a margin of 4/-9% in the University Match at Royal Cinque Ports, Kent. Ben Keogh, the Oxford captain, shared, with Dave Selchen, the biggest foursome win, 11 and 9.

FOOTBALL: Doncaster Belles will meet Arsenal, the holders, in the semi-finals of the FA Women's Cup after deleating Croydon 20 at Armthorpe Welfare yesterday. Two early first-half goals from Vicky Exley and Karen Walker, the England internationals, killed off a spirited Croydon challenge.

CYCLING: Andrei Tchmil, of Belgium, survived an early visit by the International Cycling Union's drug testers to win the opening Milan San Remo, the opening round of the 1999 World Cup series on Saturday. Tchmil was one of 32 riders to be blood-tested by the UCI medical inspectors at 5am.

# Five Nations Championship: Scotland's renaissance opens up a window of opportunity

# Paris offers romantic conclusion Townsend gets



By mark Souster

FOR once, Scotland will travel to Paris in three weeks more in tory that could clinch the Five Nations Championship for the first time since 1990. The final outcome depends upon whether Wales can also dent English grand-slam ambitions the following day at Wembley. In this season of surprises, be prepared to expect the unex-

Ireland left Murrayfield well beaten and full of admiration for what Scotland have achieved. They have scored II tries in the championship this season. From a Scottish perspective, it is an almost unheard of statistic yet emphasises their transformation.

Scotland can win in Paris because they keep the ball well. They have a last pack of forwards, who ruck superbly. They also have the best exponent of lineout jumping in Britain. As well as securing his own ball, Scott Murray stole

four treland throws. The by-product of Scotland's success in a fast, furious helter-skelter of an international at Murrayfield is that many players have placed themselves in the shop window. Jim Telfer, the coach, and John Rutherford and Hugh Campbell, the backs' and forwards' coaches respectively, have fashioned a team that is already good and destined to improve further by the World Cup. The difficulty will be keeping them in Scotland if the right structure

is not put in place. Several had publicly intimated they will move if nothing changes, once their contracts with the Scottish Rugby Union expire after the World Cup. What they seek - more than money - is regular, high-intensity competition that, under the present two super-district



Kenny Logan, the Scotland winger, escapes the desperate clutches of Conor O'Shea, Ireland's full back, as another attack ensues

set-up, is denied to them. It is imperative that the four-district system, abandoned for financial expediency 18 months ago, is reintroduced. Lord Mackay's independent report on the structure of the game is due in June which may well be too late. Further performances such as this -Scotland's third home victory in succession - will lend weight to the argument. They were always the dominant

Gregor Townsend, who has found that John Leslie has taken some of the responsibility from his shoulders, had probably his best match for Scotland at fly half and scored a try for the third successive game - one more in Paris will equal Jain Smith's record from the all-conquering 1925 side. Telfer's one concern was a

field that was exposed by Rob Henderson, the replacement for Jonathan Bell. But Ireland's deficiencies were far greater, readily exposed by the thrust, pace and quick passing of Scotland's threequarters.

in attack, they pose a real threat and are taking their chances, the crucial difference between the sides. Two second-half tries in three minutes, by Cammy Murray and Stuart Grimes, had their origins in the Scotland 22 and graphically illustrated their ability to counter-attack at speed and with precision.

When Ireland enjoyed periods of ascendancy either side of half-time, prompted, inevitably, by Humphreys, their at-tacks were laboured at best. Scorland's defence on their own line was watertight. Ireland's reliance on the charges of Keith Wood became increas-

ingly predictable and easy to defend. His runs were ever more lateral and he was invariably driven back in the tackle, giving Ireland's backs even less time to unpick Scotland's well-marshalled defence. well-marshalled defence. When a move broke down. there was no contingency plan, no player, perhaps with the exception of Humphreys. to make a snap judgment.

stood out on a day of medicocrity for Ireland, made the first of several breaks. He chipped Glenn Metcalfe, who obstructed him. Humphreys went on to touch down anyway, but Derek Bevan, the referee, awarded a penalty try because Martin Leslie had pulled at the fly half's shirt in the ensuing chase. That was about the only thing that did not go Scotland's way. These

Dion O'Cuinnegain, who

#### HOW THE PLAY UNFOLDED AT MURRAYFIELD FIRST HALF · 0.7 · : 57 Perc Humphreys

RELAND: C M P O'Shee (Landon Irish), J P Bishop (Londo Irish), K M Maggs (Báth), J C Bell (Durgannon, sep: R A J Henderson, Wesps 53), G Dempey (Terenure Colege), D G Humphreys (Durgannon), C J McGuinness (St Mary's College, sep: C J Scally, UCJ 75), P M Colness, Y floury Munstar), K G M Wood (Hardquins), P S Walking (Saracens), P S Johns (Saracens), J W Davidson (Castres), D O 'Culmosgolin (Sar), A J Ward (Ballynuninch, sep: T Brennen, St Mary's College 64), E R P Miller (Teresure College, 85), V C P College, J ED, Retrees D W Byran (Welce).

# kick out of pushing limits

Alasdair Reid on the player who has done

most to revive Scotland's fortunes

was a simple kick, a standard task for the modern-day fly half. Awarded a penalty 20 yards from the Ireland line. all Gregor Townsend had to do was punt the ball into touch to give Scotland an at-tacking lineout near the right corner. Nobody would have minded if he had aimed it a few cautious yards short of the flag. Nobody, that is, except himself. Caution, you see, is not what Gregor Townsend

Cantion makes you stand deep, away from the heavy traffic, playing the percentages with one eye on the safety net. Caution, in other words, is a denial of everything that Townsend stands for. The lazy sweep of his boot gave no hint of the breathtaking precision of the action. The ball flew into touch with inches to spare. That moment, as much as what followed, summed Townsend up. Martin Leslie secured possession near the tail, Gary Armstrong was held up as he drove for the line, John Leslie switched the attack to the narrow side and Townsend raced over to score.

It was his fourth try in as many games at Murrayfield and his third in successive matches in the Five Nations Championship this year. Were he to score another in Paris in three weeks' time, Townsend would join a select band of players who have scored tries in every round of the tournament.

The achievement would be one to savour, but not so much as to overshadow everything else he has done in the competition this year. From the shadows of fitful pre-Christmas form, he has emerged, eager and confident, as the talismanic presence in

this resurgent Scotland side. Townsend has always tested the faith of his followers. Even as a schoolboy; tales of his wondrous gifts were usually qualified with the admis-sion that his gaffes could be.

horrendous. Since his first anpearance for Scotland, in 1993," he has cut a sharp divide through Scottish rugby between those who marvelled at his talents and those who comsidered him a dangerous liability. The division may still exist, but his detractors' camp has shrunk to a discredited rump. On Saturday, it was remarkable to consider that he had only reclaimed his fa-voured fly half position when Duncan Hodge broke his leg early in the second half of the match against Wales six weeks ago.

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Within two minutes of moving in from centre, however, he had latched onto an error by Robert Howley and sprint. ed 60 metres to score. In that instant, both the game and the season turned for Scotland Townsend has been in commanding form since. Against Ireland, he tormented the onposition with the swiftness his break, his subtle variation and even the force of his

n one memorable moment, he crashed into Keith Wood and drove the powerful irish hook. er back five yards. Wood had praised Townsend's versatili-ty and his ability to do the unexpected before the match, but he must have rued those qualities as the Scotsman drove

him into the turf.
Townsend has rarely been
accused of consistency, but he appears to have found it. For a start, he is playing behind a dynamic pack, capable of producing the fast ball with which he can do most damage. More significantly, per-haps, the arrival of John Leslie at inside centre has taken a burden off his shoulders. Perfection is a dangemus concept in sport its strict application precludes the possibility of any improvement whatsoev er. But Townsend, he this form, is the nearest thing British rugby has to the perfect



Jenkins: scored 30 points

FROM GERALD DAVIES

defensive weakness in mid-

THE difficulty during the past fortnight for Graham Henry was in looking to his players to summon up a modicum of that spirit, invested so magnificently in their victory against France. Would it come when he called for it?

"This has been a grey area for us," the Wales coach said. We didn't know whether we could play the way we wished to after our win in Paris. We

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# didn't do so after our other

matches against Argentina and South Africa and so lost to both Scotland and Ireland." Against Italy the players did not let him, or themselves, down. This was another fine performance, However, in the aftermath

of this resounding victory. there is a nervousness that still attends this Wales team. There is nothing new in this. you may well respond, in the light of the many anxieties to which Weish rugby has been so desperately prone. Except that now it is beginning to be of a different texture. For the first time in the careers of all these players, the condition is one of nervous excitement; not one born of irritability or of feelings of inadequacy or incompetence.

Rather, they are aware as a result of two winning performances - the first, in Paris, of brilliance, the latest, in Treviso, of a more calculating efficiency - that they may be causing those who have given them the cold shoulder in the past to sit up and take notice. This is a new experience. They

at Wembley on April II:

for up to four weeks with a sprained knee and Kyran

Bracken damaged a ligament, which makes him very doubt-

ful for the decisive encounter

of England's Five Nations

Championship.

Rees slid under a tackle and

fell awkwardly. His obvious

replacement on the right wing

is Tony Underwood, who has the requisite experience and played in the A international at Redruth on Friday. Consid-

eration may also be given to

Leon Lloyd, developing fast

Bracken hopes that his

knee will have healed in two

to three weeks, but clearly be

will play no rugby for Sara-

cens in the intervening period

and Matt Dawson must be

favoured to retain the scrum-

half position against Wales.

flanker, suffered a dead leg

which forced him off in the

second half, but that should

respond swiftly to treatment.

was that to Colin Hawke, the

referee from New Zealand.

who tore his calf muscle late

in the first half and was

Tom Smith, the Scotland

replaced by Jim Fleming.

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should savour it while they may for they will soon, against England, be put to the test.

Points for British Lions in brackets

Against a country that is notoriously difficult to beat on their own patch, Wales are one of three teams, with New Zealand and South Africa, to have accumulated 60 points or more in Italy. There were personal records established, too.

Neil Jenkins's 30 points beat decided to go alone for a score his previous record of 24 and ignore four men outside points for the most scored in one match and brought the total points in his career to 745. Thus he leapfrogs Gavin Hast-ings in the table of highest points scorers and stands secand behind Michael Lynagh. who has '911. Meanwhile, Gareth Thomas became the sixth player to score four tries

in one match for Wales. These are the bare bones of a game that was developing. into a fine contest by the interval. For 17 minutes, the home team held the lead that they might have extended had not Sgorlon, close to Wales's line, and ignore four men outside

But the careless errors of the first half disappeared for the visitors when they had the wind at their backs and a strengthening scrum. Thus they were able to add 42 points in the second period. "This season." Henry said, "we have been on the right track in some games and on the wrong track in others. Without the pressure of the Five Nations Championship we needed to stay on the right track against

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# Rees and Bracken miss Wales match

By David Hands and Mark Souster

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ENGLAND will have to prop, is expected to be out of change their back line yet rugby for two months after breaking the fibula in his again when they play Wales for their grand-slam attempt right leg at Murrayfield. Smith sees a specialist today David Rees is likely to be out to ascertain the severity of the injury but it is hoped that he will be able to tour South Africa this summer.

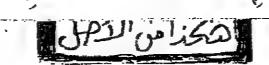
His was the most serious injury from a bruising match that also saw Gary Armstrong, the Scotland scrum half, and Gordon Bulloch, the hooker, replaced in the second half. Armstrong suffered a bang on his left knee and Bulloch a dead leg that ena-bled Steve Brotherstone to win his first caps both should be fit to face France.

Eric Miller, the Ireland No 8, who limped off after 16 minutes, twisted his ankle but will see a consultant today to see if there is any ligament

damage.

The England women's rugby team survived late pressure from France to run out 13-8 victors at Worcester yesterday. France led for nearly an hour after Estelle Sartini had kicked an early goal and Carole Durand-Laurier, the lock, scored from a maul on 14 minutes, but England's size advantage eventually took its toll. Gill Burns, the No 8, kicked two penalties before Nicky Crawford, the replacement winger, beat her marker

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# Catt falls short by getting his attacking lines crossed



he defensive coaching is undoubtedly working what England need now is an offensive coach. Their inability to transfer the dominance they have enjoyed over the past two games against France and Ireland into points, especially tries, must be of serious concern to Clive Woodward and his tearn.

That said, it must be comforting trying to solve this mystery having won games rather than trying to rise above the pack after defeats. England, as they had done against Ireland, always looked like they were going to win against France. Fiad they taken only half of the op-portunities on offer, it could have been a 20 to 30-point victory. You don't get many opportunities in international rugby and when the chance comes, it must be seized on immediately with venom.

The English pack strangled the life out of their French opponents. They then set about trying to ruin little Thomas Castaignede's after-noon by running at him, involving him in a defensive role in the process, detracting from his obvious attacking skills. For a little guy, his courage in the tackle embarrassed some of his bigger and supposedly more physical team-mates. What are the problems for Eng-

land? Why can't they put the opposition away? The approach work was good, but seemed to fade away to nothing as the tryline approached. Had Mike Catt scored just before half-time, it may have been a different story. It would have made the score 16-0 and the floodgates may have opened after the interval as.

the French spirit would have been When there is a three-man over-

lap, ten metres out, it is a simple case of you must score. Catt, who had a reasonable game and mixed his options well, putting in some nice, probing kicks, has one serious flaw in his fly-half play. He crabs across field when delivering the ball to his backs.

on the same crossfield angle to escape the defence coming across. It is fundamental that the fly half must run at the opposition and attract their attention, rather than running with the pass. Someone in the England set-up needs to sit him down, show him this and explain it

When the chance comes, it must be seized on immediately with venom?

This has the effect of crowding the players outside him and sending the defence directly with the ball to the intended receiver. By doing this, the defence is not fixed and the angle he creates does not give the receiver many options other than to take the tackle or continue

to him. Until this is done, the backs will not function to their potential. Ironically. Catt is at his best when he is running at the opposition, especially from the lineout; he just needs to take a similar line and

pass at the same time. Interestingly, two of the three

times England crossed the France tryline came from kicks. The French, who had two opportunities to score points the whole afternoon. such was England's defensive dominance, took one of these and it also came from a kick.

France seem to have a strange preoccupation with the blind side. My little friend, Philippe Carbonneau, was at times trying to fit what seemed like half the team down a postage stamp-size short side. This played into the English hands. They could commit one or two players to the tackle, while the rest lined out across the field.

I would like to see some statistics on how many times sides that kick to touch from penalties, in lieu of shooting for goal, get the ball across the tryline. This would be another job for the England offensive coach. He needs to come up with

ploys that would increase the chances of scoring from these decisions. England on occasions made the correct decision to try for extra points. yet failed to convert. They need to come up with options other than just pushing really hard.

It was a strange afternoon, one that promised so much yet by the end had delivered precious little that we did not already know. The French team were subdued, Martin Johnson was on his best behaviour and the biggest tactical substitution was that of the referee. The crowd laboured to achieve any sort of atmosphere in a sterile Twickenham. Maybe if England could have got across the tryline a few times, the feeling would have been differ-ent. Cet the attack coach in there quickly; the engine is there, but the beating to knock it into shape.

# Five Nations Championship: France kicked into submission



Wilkinson is brought down by Carbonneau but the centre's impeccable goalkicking gave England an iron grip on the match at Twickenham

IT WOULD be easy to write as another somewhat tedious day at the England office. Wien all was over, there was little sense of excitement or linlicting expectation at the prospet of a twelfth grand slam being filed away in the cabinet if Vales are overcome at Wembily on the final weekend of thi Five Nations Championshp, or of significant progress having been achieved since

thechampionship opened. Hayers and management quiued up to reveal that the atmesphere in the changingroem was as flat as a pancake, that they were as frustrated as the crowd that so many chancescreated had been jettisoned. Bit it is important to place this match, and Clive Woodward's retime, in context. For four years France have been a signficant, indeed unbeatable. hirdle, so there was pleasure to be derived from victory against a strangely quiescent

otoonent. More to the point is the rollchoaster existence since Woodwird became England coach: the heavy duty against the southern-hemisphere powers, the sweeping changes in persomel and attitude, the mistales made by a raw management team against a backdrop of turbulence in the English game. Supporters have cried ou for stability in England arti, in one area at least, it has ben achieved: the national team has won six out of seven games this season and the deeat was by a single point. This is not the most exciting. the most glamorous of interna-

# England possess powers that be

the time the World Cup comes around this autumn, but glamour has never been an English. characteristic. Instead, there is a settled dimension to England, a sense of the game they are trying to play that waits tantalisingly before us and then drifts away and leaves only the pragmatism of seven well-struck penalty goals by

Jonathan Wilkinson. "We know there is room for improvement, we created chances that we totally bombed," Woodward said. But this job is about winning." Not about style or performance? Not any more, apparently, which means that England have cottoned on to international reality. Not that Woodward has trimmed his ambitions for his side - "We have to create a style where people playing against us don't know what to expect," he said - but he knows there is a

Whether he has time and games enough to build on that primary level may depend on whether Will Greenwood, the injured Leicester centre, can be restored to health and what then happens to Wilkinson.

Guscott attempts to hand off a strong French challenge



BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

er's play at centre, never mind the nerveless goalkicking that allowed him to equal the record of Simon Hodgkinson (1991) and Rob Andrew, his mentor (1995), of seven penalties in a match.

Geoff Cooke, the former England manager, said on Sat-urday that the World Cup was not within reach while Mike Catt remains at fly half. Against France in the Lloyds TSB championship, Carrs ledger was about 50-50, which is not high enough for an international pivot. He might have scored two tries but he came away with none as England opened up a side whose concentration on defence was so entire that they seemed to lose their way in attack.

 The same was true for Jeremy Guscott, who remains a

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the elusive, adventurous Thomas Castaignède but Carbonneau, his half-back partner. That show, time and again, took France down the narrow side, where they produced some miraculous passing but became too predictable. It was vital half-yard in speed. As the

interval neared, with England

leading 9-0, it seemed almost

impossible that England could. not score a try, first when Hill

charged down Philippe Car-

bonneau's clearance, only to

cannon into a colleague with a

way to the line clear, then when Catt had a three-one

overlan outside him and sturn-

The nature of the game

might have changed at that

stage, but it did not. So the

afternoon demonstrated that

England lack overall pace and

the ability to make the killing

pass, that they should rethink the fashionable kick to the cor-

ner for a close-range lineout,

but that they have a proven

goalkicker, muscular for-wards and a defence out of the

The first two, you might ar-

gue, England have invariably

possessed, so what else is new?

There is a variety to their

game, the mixture of kicks, the

willingness to handle that was

let down by the inaccuracy of

their work at close quarters.

Woodward's game requires,

above all, precision and on Sat-

urday it was absent, but the

top drawer.

bled in going for the line.

as though the millimetrical miss by Xavier Garbajosa midway through the first half had convinced them it was the way to go; a flicker of four passes behind a scrum within a confined space gave Garbajosa sight of the corner and he beat Catt's tackle, but Matt Perry pushed his feet into touch as he plunged for the touchdown. Nor was there any hint of French testiness as penalties rained down on them at the ra-

with that of France: the player

running their show was not

tio of two to one. "We made too many mistakes, lost too much ball," Raphael Ibanez, the captain, said. It was as though France had fistened too hard to their coaches telling them that the World Cup was what mattered, just as England, by their own account, had too much respect for what was, on

the day, a modest France XV. The game's one try came when it made no difference. Carbonneau kicked into midfield, where Perry should have committed himself to the catch. He hesitated, the bounce of the ball deceived him and Franck Comba snatched the score that did not even amount to consolation. It did serve to annoy England still further and will ensure that the dead hand they lay upon Wales next month will be all the harsher.

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# Woodward keeps his Sir Galahad in check

f not exactly blinking under the headlights, and's obdurate triumph as

something of a rejuctant hero. The laurels rested squarely on his teenage shoulders after seven successful penalties had dispatched the Twickenham faithful with another victory for substance over style.

Wilkinson's metronomic accuracy had endorsed the plaudits, many from esteemed sources, identifying him as a buccaneer of infinite promise. Yet the man himself said only that he was "flattered and honoured" to be firmly ensconced within the England fold. As with his performance on the field, Wilkinson's post-match thoughts accentuated the team ethic. He was determined to deflect the stellar status accorded those with the golden boot. All of which has the makings of an uncomfortable mousetrap for Clive Woodward, the England coach, as his juggernaut rumbles towards the grand slam, and beyond that, the World Cup in the autumn.

Wilkinson is hogging the plandits while playing out of position. He is apparently a fly half in centre's clothing. The ciamour for him to assume his inheritance grows betide Woodward if any perceived weakness at fly half is held responsible for a sub-par showing in the World Cup. In that event, his reluctance to promote Wilkinson may see the trap shut firmly

across his neck. Yet Woodward's thinking is clear. "Goalkicking aside, Jonny is definitely one of our very best players," he said in assessment of Wilkinson. "He is playing way above what I expected from a 19-year-old. When Phil de Glanville and Will Greenwood [England's

Julian Muscat on the tactics used by the England coach

injured centres| get fit, they will have a real job to dislodge him." When tributes to his composure and commitment are added to the mix, Wilkinson quickly assumes the profile of a latter-day Sir Galahad, riding the sweet chariot to fame and riches. Yet while his promise is immense, it is unsetiling to see him fêted at this embryonic stage.

One potential demon was unwittingly loosened by Dave Alred, England's kicking coach, who asserted that Wilkinson's first two penalties were far from cleanly struck. The two efforts established a 6-0 platform inside five minutes. Had they drifted wide, Wilkinson's confidence may have suffered. The goalkicker's margins are thus too fine to invest certainty within them - even for a man who has missed just one kick in his three Five Nations Champion-

ship matches to date. Wilkinson will one day have



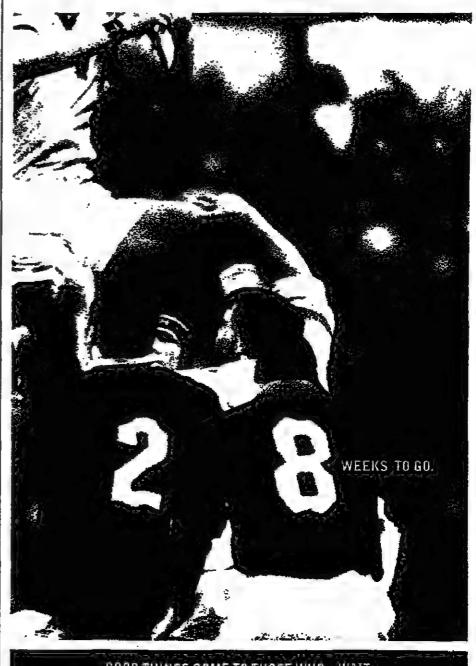
to make to accommodate the switch to fly half, and given the absence of time before the World Cup, Woodward plainly proposes to deploy Wilkinson at inside centre, in that position Wilkinson can ride the learning curve with protection from the noose of

One facet of a disappointing match was that the Wilkinson-Guscott largely failed to trouble the French midfield. Quite how this will translate to the pair coping with their increasingly leviathan southern hemisphere counterparts must be a

source of concern. Woodward is quick to dismiss any prompt about the World Cup. His sights, and those of the team, are forcefully trained on the grand-slam encounter with Wales, yet England's reluctance to embrace a more expansive game appears increasingly ominous. In driving for small gains around mauls, England's rumbustious forwards derive the pleasure of an imprisoned thief chalking up another day of time served.

Invention has been ditched in the interests of a pack superiority that cannot be expected to overwhelm the southern hemisphere giants. Even Woodward acknowledged the to create a style where teams playing against us don't know what is going to happen. If they do, we will always be second best."

it was a curious observation from a man whose hand appears very firmly on the tiller, for England's predictability has sufficed against Ireland and France. It will surely not suffice in the World Cun, vet to introduce invention at the conclusion of the Five Nations would match the folly of switching Wilkinson to fly half at this late stage.



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# Wanted: young exec to kick-start football

or all the vast wages that will be put on offer - and you can start the guessing. conservatively, at £250,000 a year - there appears as much allure in the vacancies for chief executive of both the Football Association and Premier League as there is in becoming a bin-man. Either way, it is a lot of dirty work.

Literally, it appears, in the case of the Premier League, where the commercial director has allegedly been filling 30 rubbish bags with shred-ded documents. So that is what is meant by cleaning up the game. While the FA and Premier League search the boardrooms of Britain for

care less. He knows the FA chief executive only as the man who pulls the cup balls from the bag and who stands on the steps of Lancaster Gate every time an England coach has just been hired or fired. He would not recognise the Premier League chief executive if he strode naked across

Wembley. But while such indifference is understandable, it should not mask the fact that the two appointments are of vital significance. Football was never more in need of good leaders than now, and decisions will be made during the next few years that will have a profound effect on the game. Revered institutions, such as

Matt Dickinson on the importance of finding the right men to fill

the vacancies at the Football Association and the Premier League

the FA Cup, are under threat, diminished in its prestige by the year as the football calendar becomes increasingly

Turning on a television to watch free football can not, for much longer, be regarded as a birthright with BSkyB continuing their experiments with pay-per-view. The Worthington Cup will almost certainly become extinct if, as expected, the competition loses its qualification place for Europe, and there will be more high-profile casualties

ambitious young administrain the stampede for greater riches. The game needs strong, responsible leaders for want to rush to Lancaster Gate, where his plans are at and the shared fate of the mercy of a council of 91 Graham Kelly and Keith Wiseman, sacked as chief exceseptuagenarians and committee reports arrive covered in cobwebs? High-placed offi-cials at the FA talk grand utive and chairman of the FA. and Peter Leaver and Sir John Quinton, removed from office at the Premier League, plans for modernisation, but there are no signs yet. would suggest that we have not found them yet. The grow ing fear now is that they will

Or would a keen young executive want to head to the League where the nest is full of 20 in-lighting FA Carling Premiership chairmen? Some want pay-per-view, others think it will bring disaster. Some want the Premiership reduced to 18 clubs, most prefer it to stay as it is. They are pulling in different directions. and the only thing many have in common is a love of money.

Of course, there will be peo-ple who will think they can handle a chief executive's job, and there are able candidates for both. While some will always refuse to forgive him for his ghostwriting of Glenn Hoddle's vacuous World Cup Diary, David Davies, in his Lancaster Gate, has already

made positive changes to im-prove the labyrinthine workings there. Richard Scudamore has impressed many as chief executive of the Football League. The likes of Andrew Croker, head of football at IMG, Martin Prothero. marketing director of Umbro. and Nic Coward, company secretary at the FA, are bright.

young-ish things with the good of the game at heart. None, though, are perfect. which is what both jobs seem to require. Not only must the chief executives have brilliant legal, commercial and public relation minds, but be visionaries as well. The FA chief executive must be able to safeguard the grass roots of football while trying to keep

pace with the commercial forces that are driving the professional game. He must be capable of providing one voice for a national game that is made up of a million parts.

The two appointments are critical, the FA in particular,"
one candidate said. "If English football does not seize the opportunities now, it will regret it for ever. We are ahead of the rest of the world in so many things, such as marketing, television, grounds and finance. But they will catch up and, unless the administration is sorted out, we will go ment of the next England coach will be given far more coverage, but that does not mean it is more important

# He receives the greetings of players as a king at court, which, I suppose, is just what he is

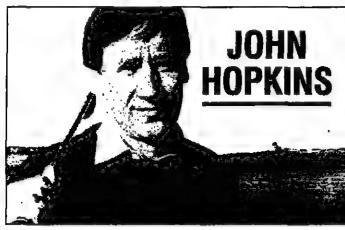
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undergo radical reform.

# Evergreen Palmer retains all his zest



forced himself into the American consciousness with the shattering power of one of his own drives.

With a thrilling style of play, a wink, and a hitch of his trousers, Arnold Palmer took the first steps that led to his present status as one of the most revered men in the United States, one of the great sporting icons of the second half of

the century. Palmer was at it again in Florida last week. The man who has won seven significant professional championships was broader in the beam, slower of gait, but still winking. laughing, sighing and wearing his heart on his sleeve. Palmer charmed golf once more while acting as host of a tournament at his club and launching an

enchanting book about himself. Few sportsmen in the United States have carned the level of popularity of this man, who was once asked to run for a career in politics. "I wasn't going to be a politician," he said, laughing, "Too many skeletons in the closet."

He was once summoned by President Richard Nixon and Dr Henry Kissinger and asked how to solve the Vietnam problem. On Palmer's 37th birthday in 1966 came a knock on the door. "You wouldn't have room to put up an old man for the night, would you?" Dwight D Eisenhower, President of the United States between 1953

doorstep of Palmer's home. Look at Palmer now, a Tintinlike curl of snowy hair atop a face weathered as brown as a walnut. A hearing aid is just visible in his right' ear. Those massive hands fidget restlessly, scratching at his huge forearms. He has just faced down prostate cancer as he once used to outstare curling three-foot

You don't so much have an interview with Palmer as an audience while he sips at a beer and stuffs crisps into his mouth and receives the greetings of players as a King at court, which, I suppose, is just what he is. There is a magnetism about him that is electric. You just want him to like you, to acknowledge you, to give you a wink. Down the years, Palmer has had a great rivalry with Jack Nicklaus. The two men were strong and gifted, each recognisably shaped by the influences of their dominant

Nicklaus was the cool one, the product of a Germanic back-ground, Palmer the let 'er rip young boy whose father had played golf the same way. Nicklaus was the Roundhead. Palmer

the Cavalier. It is an odd coincidence that the nature of their rivalry and their differences in personality are continued in their recent books. Nicklaus's is enormous and fact-filled. a stone-cold piece of restimony. Nicklausian to a tee in its



crafted piece of work that worms its way into your heart as quickly and convincingly as the author

Now Palmer has made his way into the locker room at Bay Hill, after a round in the company of Severiano Ballesteros and Bob Friend. "Give me a beer." he has just roared, needing some solace to ease his unhappiness after a 78. still unwilling to accept that such a score was far from a disgrace for a man who will be 70 in November. It was in this calm locker room. that Palmer aired his views on

his hands. All he has to do is to enjoy it and laugh."
On manners: "Pap (Deacon,

Palmer's father] had a thing about

It was just the proper thing in my family and I suppose it was the tradition my father thought very strongly about, whether it means

taking your hat off inside or particularly at a dinner table with ladies.

some of today's issues in golf. On Tigor Woods: "I think that frown all the time and slamming the club down doesn't do anything for his game. He's got the world in

more than a fetish. It was a positive to take your hat off and it was a positive that you learnt how to use a knife and fork and how to talk to people. Manners and etiquette and proper conduct are a



Palmer and Ballesteros study the tee-shot of an opponent during the Bay Hill Invitational in Florida last week

as ours strong and solid. If you lose that, or if it goes away, then you weaken the very nucleus of the

country and the people." On money in team events: "To make winning money a feature of the Ryder or Presidents Cup would be very bad. I think you see the spirit in which the guys play the game without money and i think that's important. If you have to

instil that spirit by putting up money, then I think it's bad." On his father: "Pap was a muscular, mentally tough guy and I loved that. He never backed off anything from the time I was a lime fellow. Boy was he strong. He could do ten pull-ups with his left arm and then ten with his right. He was never more than 180lb and i saw him wrestle two 200lb men and pin them to the ground, one in each arm.

He reminded me of Spencer Tracy. He was a very quiet person.

suffered from infantile paralysis and had a club left foot. As a result he played golf from an open position, his left side was alway: pointed to the left of the target, and when he was young the shots that he played were always low driving shots at the target. Naturally, I

picked that up."
On Severiano Ballesteros: "My father taught me that when you are not sure what to say, don't say anything. He still has a magic touch but his long game is ... he hit it out of bounds on the 4th hole. He hit it across two fairways into a lake. Who knows whether you get it back, but at 42 years old you've got lots of time to keep trying. I am not sure what he has to do. I am not sure what he has done up to this point to get it back. He should have one person teaching him and stick with him, somebody who knows, or not anyone and do it

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### **SPORTS LETTERS**

full members of MCC are allowed in the pavilion. On all other days during the sea-

son, however, not only will female guests of the 18,000 members of MCC be allowed

to be introduced to the pavilion, but those

also having access to the pavilion as of

right will include female members of Mid-

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In much the same way as Sebastian

Will the Lord's pavilion be overrun by women?

teams visiting Lord's.

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### Birmingham City defence

From Mr Gary Loveridge Sir. Michael Henderson (report, March 15) seems to argue that because Birmingham City have a less-than-illustrious history, at least in terms of winning trophies, that their supporters are not entitled to feel and display, pride in their

This club retains a quite astonishing level of supporter loyalty for one which has spent so long in the doldrums. Six years ago, the club was on the brink of extinction, and was in the third division for the first time in its 120-year history, it had won nothing of note in all of these 120 years, as Mr Henderson was so happy

to point out. Since then, a steady revival has taken place. Last weekend, 29,000 people turned up to watch the side that Trevor Francis has built, without a bobby-dazzler in sight, destroy our allegedly "famous local neighbours — the highest league gate for 11 years. The ground redevelopment is 75 per cent completed, and already provides a marvelment from which to watch football. When complete, it will be a superb 40,000-seat stadium, fit for premier league football.

This "skeeping giant is finally stirring, Mr Henderson. We may not have won a major trophy to date, but every dog has its day. Yours sincerely

GARY LOVERIDGE. Hurtswood. Derbyshire DE6 2AQ

gl.hurtswood@virgin.net Rideout's loss From Mr Ian Edmiston Sir, I feel compelled to reply to

the question "How many re-

call Paul Rideout's hat-trick in

#### ulated by men will be Test match days. the one-day finals and the forthcoming World Cup, these being days when only

From Mr Matthew J Howard
Sir, In response to Michael Henderson's
article (Long Room witnesses end of long

march. March 17). I feel it necessary to

counter the argument put forward that Lord's will not suddenly be swamped by

the pavilion will be almost exclusively pop-

As the rules stand, the only days that

women bursting into the Long Room".

a memorable under-15 England v Scotland schoolboys game with England winning 5-0? Obviously Rob Hughes Didn't Scotland win this game 5-4? I am sure a vast

number of Scottish supporters do remember this game. Among those playing for Scotland were Paul McStay (Celtic), Ally Dick (Tottenham, Ajax, St Mirren) and Ronnie Kirkcaldy Coyle (formerly of my own Fife KY2 5HD.

#### Flyte has cause to observe, in Brideshead Raith Rovers. Celtic, Rochdale and Albion Rovers to name

but four). Unless Paul Rideout played in another under-15 schoolboy international at Wembley against Scotland, which is very unlikely, I feel a correction is required. Yours sincerely IAN EDMISTON 13 Monto Plaœ

### White cards

From Mr Harry Pounder Sir. Until recently believed I had a good working knowledge of the laws of rugby but I am confused over a definition of when an infringement constitutes a white card from the referee.

The reason for my consternation was watching the enthralling and highly competitive Northampton v Leicester

#### Yours faithfully, MATTHEW J HOWARD, 230 Gladback Way. Enfield. Middlesex EN2 7HS.

Revisited. of Hertford College in the 1920s

that the college was "positively pullulat-ing with women" during Eights Week,

only time will tell if the same effect is

observed within the august portals of the

pavilion at Lord's, and whether or not this

will be a good thing. Old Father Time, for

one, I am sure, will notice the difference.

match on March 14. Two very similar incidents happened within minutes of each other. In each case a defender, under pressure. deliberately positioned himself to prevent release of a ball that would be very dangerous for his side. In each case an attacking player took exception to this action, and took the law into his own hands. In each case the referee showed a white card. Unfortu-

fender and in the second to the attacker. In the first incident the defender was probably more cynical, but the attacker was also more vigorous, so the balance remained the same. There has to be a logical reason for the referee's action,

but as yet it eludes me. Yours sincerely, HARRY POUNDER, 8 The Oaklands. Droitwich. Wores WR9 8AD.

### West Indies woes

From Mr Charles Halliday Sir. Pat Gibson writes (March 13) about the "malicious gossip which is rife amid the inter-island rivalry" when suggesting that Lara may be succeeded as captain of the West Indies by Chanderpaul.

There is a certain poignancy in this report, since it was on this day in 1967 that Sir Frank Worrall died in Jamaica. I have read just reread his obitunately for my reasoning proc- ary (written in Wisden by Sir

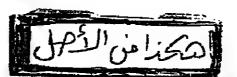
ess, in the first case to the de-Learie Constantine). Underining Worrall's genius as a minmanager. Constantine sayshe ended the cliques and rivalries between players of various islands to weld togethe a team which in the space of fve years became the champions of the world". I wonder if anyone can do it again? CHARLES HALLIDAY. 12 Townsend Park,

> Leominster Hertfordshire HR6 0DZ

### Wet Widnes

Luston.

From Mr Robert P. Conroy Sir. Lynne Truss's assertion that she "wouldn't like to bein Widnes on a wet Wednesday (March 12) is erroneous. Sie wouldn't like to be there any day of the week, wet or bas;ing in glorious sunshine.
Yours faithfully,
MR R CONROY, 17 Capesthorne Close, Foxley Heath, Widnes.



o we were warned before the start of the Worthington Cup final that at Wernbley Stadium they have something they call the domino effect. "Stay seated throughout the match, please," the announcer said. "If you stand up, everyone has to stand up behind you. It's a feature of this stadium, known as

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the domino effect."

Well apart from it being a feature of every other stadium in the world, it was worth pondering that warning as this hard-fought, teethgrinding match unravelled over what felt like the next 17 hours.

Not because you ever wanted to stand up to get a better look, be-cause you didn't, but because down on the pitch, the majority of the action was barging and shouldering ("They "re going down like, rm, you know, ninepins," we said) and in the stands, funnily enough, you looked around, there were ads of people playing dominoes. Really. It's a good game, dominoes, if played with the right level concentration. And for the ngthy period between kick-off and the skin-of-the-teeth lastninute goal, the joy of drawing the louble five must have been considrable. When the announcer varned us at half-time that anyone unning on the pitch was liable to e arrested, I was not alone in vaving a hand at the 22 licensed layers and muttering: "Well, this t ought to be, surely."

I fail for it every time, the thrill f the Wembley final. I ought to mow better. But you couldn't fault he atmosphere. Leicester fans rought blue and white balloons their thousands; Tottenham ans brought rather less festive ags (they remembered balloons then it was too late, perhaps), but vaved them enthusiastically.

the roar was enormous as the teams emerged from the tunnel and the flares filled the air with smoke nd sparks. So had the event been rought to an abrupt close just round kick-off, say 3.050m, we ould all report we had a marvelous time. There was the initial exitement of seeing the candy-stripe utilit of the Tottenham goalkeep r, Ian Walker, which was a brave boice on his part. I thought, when he poor chap is trying so hard to hrow off his image as a human arbers pole.

And there was the never dimin shing thrill of seeing the kness of David Ginola in the flesh. If only day of superior (vertical) footballing skills, to test the abilities of two noble goalkeepers. That was where the trouble was. The expentation of the vertical. So we can

biame ourselves, as usual. When matches are as disappointng as this, you can do one of two

the mystery of 22 energetic and committed chaps unable to make an attractive flow of play, despite the occasion; or your can decide to locate an obscure bright side to the festering murk.

I opted for the latter, and decided that actually, after all the hoo-ha over Holyfield-Lewis, here was

at least a knockdown rate that ought to satisfy half-blind boxing judges the world over. Looked at from this perspective, this Worthington Cup final was actually a superb match.
Calculating it roughly, there were 312 separate knockdown inci-

dents, with often one knockdown leading to another knockdown, and finally to fisticuffs. The shove rate was phenomenal, matched only by the push rate and the crashing-down-on-top-of rate.

Moreover, what admirable symmetry. For Soi Campbell would

take down Emile Heskey, who in

turn would trip Ramon Vega, who

would jump up and push somebody else, and so on until it came back round to Campbell, who said point it would start all over again.

had adopted the boxing perspec-

"How did that happen?" At which Naturally enough, this tendency had a knock-on effect of its own, when in the 63rd minute, Justin Edinburgh was sent off for strik-ing Robbie Savage. I was so glad I

tive from fairly early on. It was a sort-of right hook, to which Savage reacted like a woman struck in a pub at chucking-out time.

Of course, Savage had just barged into Edinburgh at full tilt, and Edinburgh had packed as the same struck in a pub at the same struck in a pub at the same struck in the same struck i

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and Edinburgh had perhaps eaten enough grass for one afternoon, because the poor sap snapped. And after the dismissal of Edinburgh and the yellow card for Savage, the

knock-on effect was that Savage was clattered whenever he came near the ball, once with the full weight of Les Ferdinand dropping on him from a flying leap, which must be like having a safe fall on top of you as you walk past the entrance to the Post Office Tower.

Why none of this was really the least bit entertaining I can't explain. But around me, people were

almost in tears as the game failed to deliver a drama more sophisticated than a brawl. "Biff!" and "Pow!" have their place in sport, of course, but I was looking forward to "Ooh" and "Ah" and the fairy feet of Ginola dancing goalwards, or even the fairy feet of Heskey, if

absolutely necessary. But football is often about manmarking and man-felling, and seemingly both teams came out with identical game-plans, which amounted to a combination of "Get im boys" and "Aw, ref, he started it!". The last-minute goal was wonderful for Tottenham, but it was also a heaven-sent relief for the rest of us. An additional half-hour and we'd have had to set fire to our hair

just to restore sensation.

When it came — the goal — I had none of my usual problems seeing it happen too fast, Rather the goal unfolded in marvellous slow motion, with Ferdinand flipping the ball out right to Iversen,

who streaked goalwards, crossed well into the goalmouth, finding Nielsen, who headed it down and scored. "I knew that would happen," I said, happily. As a sort-of reward for waiting 38 hours, it was more than adequate. And the joy of "Glory, Glory, Tottenham Hotspur" was so unjudgmental, you had to be impressed. Whatever the

Before the match, the announcer invited us to applaud four Leices-ter fans who had, in aid of charity, walked from Filbert Street to Wernbley, a total of 105 miles. Unsurprisingly, those four plucky walkers kept coming to mind during this match, because walking across the street to see it would be considered by most rational people to be a stretch too far.

I just hope they didn't have to walk all the way back as well. The knock-on effect on those four noble souls might have been more than human stamina could bear.



# Caught out by envious glances

t is a little-known fact that towards the end of his life the gritty Scottish Nobel Prize winning writer, Al McNomoney, was asked to present a BBC documentary called Novelist

Millionaires. The idea of this film was simple. The respected author of such classic realist texts as The Siege of Liverpool (1986) would visit today's Young Turks in their multi-bedroomed homes, analyse the astonishing change in the world of publishing that had occurred in his lifetime and, just for the sake of comparison, occasionally mention that for his own books he had frequently received advances

somewhere in the region of 17quid. But something went wrong, which was why the documentary was never shown. For, from the moment he came into contact with the Turks, McNomoney showed signs of emotional

disarray. "Is that a short story you're writing, lad?" he would begin, as he leaned over the shoulder of the latest 18-yearold publishing phenomenon to read the words on his monitor. "That's good use of imagery there, son. Very good. I used to be like you.

"Remind me how much they're paying you for this? Oh aye? Well, don't get me

la, with the occasional ac

knowledgement of the fact

that there were a few other

players for Tottenham, plus another entire side - who was it. Leicester? That's all

So we sat back and waited

for Ginola to bewilder every-

body along the left touch-line

and send the crosses raining

Except those of us who have

are familiar with the inclucta-

ble law of the preview. You

need only look as far back as,

in from the left."

right then, back to Ginola.

it. It's just that ... " At which point he would throw back his head and howl in anguish: "Why him? Why this spotty youth and not me?"

Everyone was embar-rassed. The BBC had intended to make either a rather sensible, discursive documentary about the rocketing of market rates, or instead a crowdpleasing expose of how the crazy young novelists were spending their six-ligure royalty advances on drugs and new teeth, and sluttish wives in leopardskin.

McNomoney, however, simply was not interested in such things. He was a slave to envy. "In my day," he berated one of the Turks, "I'd get 90 quid for a review in The Listener, and if I wrote for Tribune, it was unpaid."

The Turk shrugged, pushed his long blond fringe aside, and offered to demonstrate for the camera how he



mr mc Nomoney Will be

umn for a national newspaper by letting the cat stroll seven times across the keyboard. It was the beginning of the end for McNomoney, although he could not see it. Punters'll love it," he bluffed, when he saw the completed film. "All this envy stuff is only a joke, for heav-

you not see how I put them at their ease asking them if they could spare a few bob?

When I kept saying I can do that, gissa job', anyone could see it was ironic. I was sending up small-minded macho-competitive behav-iour. I mean, good God, am I the only one around here with a sense of humour? So Novelist Millionaires

was never screened, and the Turks were left in peace once more. Unbelievable access turned out to be pretty painless as far as they were concerned, since they had been required to reveal nothing whatever about themselves; in fact, their principal role in the film was to giggle nervously at McNomoney as he

tortured himself on camera. "Who was that?" they asked each other afterwards. And then they all shrugged and wiped the hair out of their eyes and said: "Money mad, if you ask me."

# Wall-to-wall Eubanks

stonishing story in the Brighton paper this week. Remember the miraculous cinnamon bun discovered in

America that looked exactly like Mother Teresa? Well, experts have been baffled again, this time by a damp patch in the flat of a woman called Miranda in Hove. "I've got Chris Eubank coming through my wall" was the headline in the Argus. sub-headed "Damp patch at flat reveals the face of ex-boxing champ." The funny thing was, I was getting ready to apologise to Eubank for implying he was a bit pushy. "Honestly, he gets everywhere," I kept saying in New York during the

build-up to Holyfield-Lewis.

But how right can you be?

It turns out that Eubank is indeed so omnipresent that he's capable of materialising in wet plaster. The damp patch does not yet sport a monocle, but obviously it's just a matter of time.

Poor Miranda. She is not a sports fan, despite gamely posing for a photo with fists raised. I have a feeling that, given the choice, she'd have preferred the cinnamon bun.

MORE mysterious referee hand-signals in the England v France Five Nations match on Saturday. Doubtless their meaning is as clear as day to the participants, but to the uninitiated the international gestures continue to perplex. On Saturday I saw "Put that cat out" (a robust pointing gesture). "This is how swans kiss" (curved hands held aloft, touching gently at the fingernails) and (my favour-ite, because it needs no description) "I am operating this bilge pump as fast as I can but we may still all

drown!" That aside it was an interesting walkover-type match, with most of the tension arising over whether Jonny Wilkinson would be asked, as a final flourish, to kick a goal from the opposite touchline with his eyes closed. "Back a bit," they kept telling him. "Back a bit more, more. that's it." Why did this young star wrap a protective strip around one ear but not the other, incidentally? I spent the whole match worrying about the exposed lughole

and urging him to tuck it in.

# Savage breasts the charms of Ginola

t is even more immutable than the immutable law of the ex - the prinlaw of the ex — the prunciple by which the rmer player invariably ores against his old club. Call it the incluctable law of e preview — and it is a law at counts double for cup nals. Whenever it seems that match is destined to be a owcase for the skills and the

rsonality of an individual, e real story of the day is pout somebody else. 1 The League Cup final ou'll have to excuse me, I int remember who is spon-: ring it this year - was supsed to be a master-class for

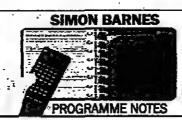
javid Ginola. Ginola, who has the most duptuous skills in English otball, was certain to be suiti by the extra square yards of e Wembley pitch — and ever mind the analysis, it st seemed right. This was to e Ginola's moment it was ritten in the stars.

Every preview, written or

well, the last televised cup final, when the World Cup final was supposed to be all about Ronaldo. Seasoned watchers of cup finals know the signs: we have measured out lives in John

> Barnes cup final previews. So it was not to be Ginola's day. The scene-stealer was a chap called Robbie Savage, who chose to play in a yellow fright-wig to make himself instantly recognisable, and who clearly lost his marbles early





in the second half. Someone was going to have to hit him. There was never a shadow seen a cup final or two before of doubt about it. He had lost it to such a considerable extent, and his hair was so yellow, he simply had to be whacked. It was only a question of who did it and how

The decisive incident was a poor man's Gazza; you'll remember how Gazza lost such few marbles as he still possessed at an FA Cup Final some years ago — 1991 — and injured himself in a flying bed-

stead tackle. The not altogether inaptly named Savage did a marginally less extravagant version of the same ploy, and Edin-

burgh cuffed him round the head. An instant action-replay showed us that with great clarity. The referee sent Edinburgh off, having little option, yet merely booked Savage.

corge Graham, the Tottenham manager, had the ill grace to criticise the referee: he should have thanked him with tears in his eyes. For although the empowering of the side that has the man sent off is not an immutable law, it is something that happens

often enough. And that is the way things turned out. A terrific cutaway showed us Graham, signalrange the side with three men at the back, and we were off. Any time Tottenham managed to forget their desire to stoke Savage up until he reached critical mass and so got sent off himself, they looked assured and certain.

And the goal came with sweet inevitability, from the right, and didn't involve Ginola at all: an astute knockdown from Ferdinand, a galloping run and shot from Iversen, a save and then the headed goal from Neilsen. George Graham, who loves

all things Nordic, seemed very pleased. Savage, meanwhile, looked like the wellknown Nordic painting by Edvard Munch — the one called The Late Winner. It was a wonderful scene-stealing performance from Savage. He managed to turn a dull game into an absolute corker.

And it was pretty dire stuff from the spectacle point of view for the first hour or so. That is the odd thing about

when a game refuses to catch light, there is nothing they can do but fume. Sport is unpredictable, which is, of course, good news, and bad news from the point of pure enter-

he struggle of UIlathorne trying to man-mark Ginola was pretty intriguing: but it was not the dramatic edge-of-the-seat stuff we got once Savage had intervened. As television prayed for Ginola to fulfil the predictions, so their prayers were answered instead by the noble

It was not to be Ginola's day, but after it was all over. he seemed almost as marbleless as Savage, with some of the most extravagant victory capers we have seen since

Nobby Stiles's jig. He managed to find the composure to explain that he was very appy. Ginola has always had charms to soothe

### TELEVISION HIGHLIGHTS

IN A week dominated by the build-up to Kevin Keegan's first match in charge of England, his predecessor may well steal some of his thunder. In Hoddle and The Healer tomorrow (Channel 4, 9pm), the former national team coach speaks for the first time since his dismissal about his beliefs, his relationship with Eileen Drewery and the interview with Matt Dickinson, of *The Times*, that led to his downfall. Given that Brian Alexander, the interviewer, knows a little about the relationship between the England manager and the media (he was sports editor of The Sun at the time of the Turnip Taylor campaign), it promises to be a lively exchange. Tonight Cutting Edge presents Playing for England (Channel 4, 9pm), an account of the adventures of the Sheffield Wednesday "band" following England during France 98.

### THIS SPORTING WEEK IN THE TIMES

TOMORROW: With the Flat racing season under starter's orders later this week Julian Muscat begins a column focussing on the classic issues. WEDNESDAY: The Prince of Wales launches the Sporting Chance appeal to assist disability sport. Rob Hughes takes heart from the continuing victo-

cial difficulty.

ries for human soint over finan-THURSDAY: Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman have moved

up in class at the Lipton tennis championships. Alix Ramsay monitors their progress. FRIDAY: Brian Lara secured his position as West Indies cricket captain in style in Jamaica. Now the Australians are on the back foot for the third Test. Pat Gibson reports. SATURDAY: England, under Kowin Keegan, resume the quest to qualify for Euro 2000. Oliver Holt sets the scene for the vital match with Poland.

abin boy's log. sea date March 1999. These are the voyages of the dipper, Serica, racing her six sister vachts from Shanghai to Hong Kong. This, the 900-mile final part of the third leg of the Clipper 98 race will take the seven crews to the halfway point of their 34.000-mile race around the world.

The challenge, the longest in the world, follows the trade winds around the belly of the world. The yachts set off from Plymouth on October 17 last year; they will return in late August after more than ten months of competition, crossing the Atlantic three times, East and South China Seas, Exotic stopovers have includ-

ed the Galapagos Islands and Shanghai with Singapore and Cape Town to follow on the way back to Plymouth. This was the first round-the-world race to moor in Havana, where they received a surprisingly friendly welcome and met little of the expected Cuban bureaucracy. First run in 1996 and spon-

sored by The Times in the year 2000, this race for paying amateurs is the brainchild of Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, the first man to sail around the world non-stop single-handed in 1968-69 and one of the holders of the fastest circumnavigation in 1994. Having initially attempted to persuade a race organiser to create a separate class for his yachts in 1995, he went it alone again and the rest is happening right now.

Forty per cent of the crews had never sailed before. They went through interviews to as-sess suitability and were given three weeks' basic training on the yachts, then professional skippers knocked them into shape during the race. "It is the chance for someone with no experience to do something truly momentous that few have done before," Sir Robin said, "It builds confidence and



Matthew Pryor,

a landlubber, is finding his sea

legs having joined the crew of Serica in the

Clipper 98 round the world race

This may not have the standard of the Whitbread nor the toughness of Sir Chay Blyth's BT Global Challenge race for amateurs, which takes the opposite route around the globe against the trade winds, but there is no shortage of competitiveness among the teams and, after more than five months at sea, no delusions that this is a champagne-sipping cruise.

The fleet of seven yachts -Ariel, Chrysolite, Antiope, Mermerus, Thermopylae, Serica and Teaping — (which will expand to 12 for the 2000 race) are named after the old tea dippers, which used to rush tea back from China to England.

The boats are connected by satellite and can send faxes and e-mail, as well as receiving weather information. Radio links between the yachts aland gamesmanship in equal

Ariel is the clear leader, having won all but two of the stages, and looks unlikely to be caught. The other six are all close and will fight it out for second place.

Serica lies sixth but has im-

proved markedly since a disastrous crossing of the Atlantic, which saw the crew miss shore leave in San Salvador and have to sail straight from Madeira to the Bahamas. A highest position of second in the Havana-to-Panama leg. among other good finishes. has lifted them off the bottom.

Their fortunes may improve further with Sir Robin on board until Hong Kong. Of me, the other new arrival, the crew are more sceptical. The jury is still out on my introduction in Shanghai.

The crews are almost exclusively British but are a mixture of backgrounds and ages, from 18 to 66. They are constantly changing, with about five "lifers" (those doing the whole circumnavigation) dis-tributed on each boat and "leggers" joining at junctures for varying numbers of legs.

Serica's crew comprises ten men and one woman. Frank, a retired stockbroker from Dublin, is the eldest at 62, followed by Mike, a retired multimillionaire businessman. Iain. a property developer, and Kate, a student of photography in Manchester, the only two with no previous experience, make up the "lifers". They have been joined by

Glen. 25, a Glaswegian, Row-land. 31, a big friendly bear of a Scottish farmer, Alastair, a 47-year-old retired chartered surveyor, nicknamed, for reasons I have yet to discover and have studiously avoided asking, "man with a knife". And more recently by myself, Sir Robin and a friend, John. Rupert, 27, is the professional

Some have made many sac-



A life on the ocean wave: the crew of Serica, now sailing from Shanghai to Hong Kong, will find their lives changed forever by the Clipper 98 124



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£22,740 for circumnavigation and around £6.000 for a leg. added to the cost of port stops and lost earnings, this is not a decision made lightly.

This is a case of ordinary people doing something extraordinary, although the motivations may be different "Some people come to say they" ve been around the world, others to do something different on a sabbatical." Rupert said. "They might be trying to get away from something, too," Alastair said. "Everybody has

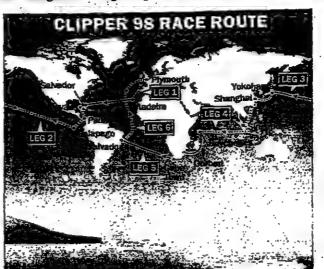
a story. No one is in any doubt that they have taken a monumental step that will affect their lives forever. Rupert was "bitten by the bug" after his first ocean yachting voyage 12 years ago. He cannot imagine doing anything else and foresees changes ahead for the trews. People become a lot more confident about trying new things after relying entirely on the natural elements, but may have trouble settling down after this."

lain agrees. "It can be unsettling to a great extent for some people," he said. This is what some are after.

"It is the extremes that are attractive, the highs and lows," Alastair said.

It is not all about sailing skills. The psychology of liv-ing in a cramped environment comes into it enormously."

Rupert said. For some, life has changed on the voyage. Rebecca, who had completed her two legs on Serica, announced that she



and the skipper of Chrysolite were getting engaged, promptly rang back from Hawaii to resign from her job and found a space on Thermopylae to con-

One of the biggest factors in bonding the crews has been many close shaves.

Alastair's right thumb, twice its normal size and Frank's wrist, only just out of plaster after six weeks, are testimony to onboard emergencies.

But there is one particularaccident on Taeping that has really shaken all the crews. Tim, an oilrig worker, suf-

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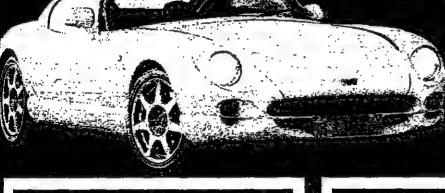
fered a near amputation one foot when the spinnakeral slipped away from the boom the way from Hawaii to Yohama last month. An emeancy detour to an Ameria army base, Johnston's At took four days. The foot as saved but may remain peranently 'hozen'.

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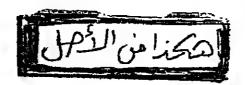
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### Gregory's future in doubt after defeat

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Wakefield Trinity Wildcats...22

BY DAVID LAWRENSON

THE future of Andy Gregory, the Salford coach, is hanging in the balance after another poor performance by his side. They were knocked out of the Challenge Cup last week by Castleford and yesterday lost their second JJB Super League

Gregory said he was disappointed by his team's showing. "As a player I always gave 100 per cent and I have as a coach. I don't think I've ever een as low as I am at the moment I'm the head coach and I'll accept responsibility, but there are players, in my eyes, who are not performing to Super League standard.".

Wakefield got off to a fine start when David March crashed over for a try under the posts. Graham Law converted and Trinity were playing with confidence until Kevin Crouthers, the centre, made a poor attempt at tackling his opposite number, Paul Carige, who scored in the corner in the twelfth minute. Wakefield regained the lead

midway through the half when Lynton Stott raced onto Adrian Brunker's kick to the perner to make it 10-4. Salford the struggling, but Martin Crompton hauled them back into the game when Garen Casey latched onto his neat grubber kick to score. Casey drew them level with the conversion, but just before halftime Salford's defence was caught napping when March darted over from dummy half and Graham Law's conversion gave Trinity a 16-10 lead.

After a scrappy opening to the second half, the secondrow forward, Willie Poching, clinched it for Trinity when he looped round the full back. Andy Hodgson, to score. Graham Law's conversion made it 22-10.

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**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

## Disgraced Sharks regain lost respect

Hull Sharks Bradford Bulls...

BY MARTIN RICHARDS

HULL produced a performance of great character to restrict Bradford to a single try and win back the respect of their fans after the debacle of their opening day defeat at Wigan. The home side overcame the loss of Karl Harrison, the captain, and Matt Schultz in the opening halfhour to frustrate Bradford. who had been tipped to heap more misery on the Sharks after their 58-6 loss at Central

Park a fortnight ago.

The only try of the game came from a subline pass from Steve McNamara, the former Hull forward, who broke from dummy half to put Nathan McAvoy, the winger, in at the corner in the 27th

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minute. Two penalties from McNamara early in the sec-ond half gave the Bulls more breathing space but they needed to call on all their defensive reserves to deny the Sharks after the interval.

Peter Walsh, the Hull coach, who had been vilified by the home fans after the defeat at Wigan, was understandably proud of his side's perform-ance. "If we can produce that sort of commitment every week, a win is just around the corner," Walsh said. "Bradford had unbelievable possession and should have put us away but the lads stood up to them, which is something they didn't do at Wigan."

Hull now have a frustrating two-week period without a competitive match before they face three matches in eight

Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, was satisfied with Referent S Nicholson (Whitelever).

the hard-earned victory and especially pleased with his hard-working defence, who prevented Hull from scoring a

The visitors looked distinctuncomfortable in the first half with the wind and rain driving into their faces and Hull took advantage of their early indiscipline when Steve Prescott, the full back, put them ahead with a fourthminute penalty.

Prescott extended Hull's lead with a sweetly-struck dropped goal six minutes later and the Bulls' errors were underlined when Paul Anderson, the prop, fumbled the ball in front of his own posts, although Hull were unable to

take advantage of the mistake. The Sharks continued to play with great passion but were undone by McNamara's moment of quality while a Hull player was lying injured. Bradford still struggled to establish any kind of dominance and they lost Mike Forshaw to the sin-bin five ninutes before the break.

Hull's defence stood firm when Tevita Vaikona, another former Hull player, was forced into touch after McNamara had put him clear down the right wing with another excellent pass. Harrison, the Hull captain,

said after the match: "A lot of our spectator's turned on us after the Wigan defeat but I hope we won them back today. With myself and Matt Schultz going off in the first half-hour. it put an enormous burden on our pack but they played

SCORIERS: Hull Sharks: Goal; Prescott, Dropped goal: Prescott, Bradford Bullet McAvaoy Goele: McNemara (2): McAraoy Gottes McQuerresa (2): HULL, SHARKS: 5 Prescott, J Smith, D Bell-don, G Habes, F Seny, A Purcel, Cs Lesses; A Ireland, N Hull, K Horrison, N Sonutz, Fl Rob-arta, L Campbell Subadibutes C Murdock, J Leatham, 8 Craven, M Smith. BRADFORD BULLS: \$ Sprace; N McAvoy, M.Withers, N Zoot, T Valcour, H Paul, P.Dep-con; P. Anderson, J. Lowet, B. McDempat, M. Forshaw, B. Dwyer, 8 McTempas, Substi-Forshaw, B. Dwyer, 8 McTempas, Substi-



### Fleming completes | Holroyd's display spirited fightback

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race in for a try with 15 min-

utes remaining, and Dominic

Peters went over with five min-

converting all three.

and a lot of spirit."

Sheffield Eagles London Broncos..

By DAVID LAWRENSON

DAN STAINS, the London Broncos coach, will have to scour Australia for another forward after his prop, Grant Young, was carried off with a suspected broken leg that will put him out for the rest of the

Earlier in the week, London Broncos lost another forward, Darren Bradstreet, with a shoulder injury, so Stains is going to have to mix and match up front for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final against Castleford on Saturday. At least his side will go into the game on a high, after a remarkable comeback that enabled his team to extend their unbeaten run.

A poor first half ended with Sheffield leading 8-6 after a try by Martin Pearson, the stand-off, and a penalty and conversion from Mark Aston.

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Condon Broncos; J Tribut, M Olitah, K Happmond with a touchdown from Greg Fleming converted by Brett Warton, but after the interval the Broncos' errors. Pearson added a second try and Jeff

Hardy put Darren Shaw over Hudderstield Giants ... for another, both of which were converted by Aston. The Halifax Blue Sox.. Broncos' reply was a solitary

penalty from Warton. With Sheffield leading 20-8 going loto the final quarter, it GRAHAM HOLROYD relooked all over for the visitors but their half backs. Shaun Edwards and Karl Hammond, gradually brought their side back into the game. Martin Offiah supported a

Stadium yesterday. over their neighbours. Huddersfield lacked pene-

utes to go. Greg Fleming claimed the winner in the final minute, with Warton Stains said: "They showed mental toughness for sure. To come back when you are down by 12 points with 15 min-utes to go shows a lot of heart

Bobbie Goulding.

after nine minutes, however, when his diagonal kick was

### inspires Halifax plucked out of the air by John

By A CORRESPONDENT

paid a huge chunk of the transfer fee Halifax Blue Sox paid to Leeds Rhinos before Christmas with an influential display against Huddersfield Giants at the McAlpine

The stand-off scored one try, kicked four goals and landed a neatly-taken field goal to give the Blue Sox a slender victory

ration and, despite outscoring their opponents by three tries to two, never deserved the win that almost went their way. The home side were convinced they had scored the match-winning try two minutes from time only for the referee to rule out David Boughton's touchdown for a forward pass from

The incident crowned a disappointing day for the Hud-derstield captain who kicked only one goat from three at-

Bentley, who went on to score. But from the moment Holroyd sidestepped and swerved his way through for a try after 12 minutes. Halifax always had the ascendancy.

Holroyd converted the goal from his try and was then involved in a fine score by Damien Gibson, the Australian utility back. Holroyd, who had also landed a penalty, kicked the goal to open up an eight-point gap. The Giants stayed in conten-

tion with the first of winger Andy Cheetham's two tries, but from the restart Holroyd again edged Halifax clear with his second penalty and a tield goal.

Cheetham's second try briefly raised Huddersfield's hopes but Halifax held their nerve to secure their first victory in Super League IV.

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### Orr injury doubles Castleford troubles

Warrington Wolves Castleford Tigers..

By PETER WILSON

CASTLEFORD, the Challenge Cup semi-finalists, suf-Warrington and may be without the services of Danny Orr, the stand-off, for their tie against London Broncos on

Saturday.
Orr was helped off with damaged knee ligaments on the stroke of half-time and is considered extremely doubtful for Saturday. He was joined on the injured list by Dean Sampson, a prop, and Aaron Raper, the hooker.

Orr's early departure left Castleford short of midfield inspiration and a recognised goal kicker. His loss also prompted Stuart Raper, the Castleford coach, to call for more protection for his young

Warrington showed they can still be an influence in the Super League with a spirited second-half rally, thanks to the efforts of Toa Kohe-Love, the New Zealand centre, who

scored two tries. Kohe-Love opened the scoring with a try after 26 minutes from Danny Farrar's pass but Castleford's swift reply brought a try for Richard Gay. the right winger, who rounded off an excellent four-man move. Orr added the conver-

sion to put the Tigers ahead. Warrington regained the advantage four minutes before half-time with a try by Ian Knott and a dropped goal from Lee Briers but, five minutes into the second half, were

trailing again to a try by Michael Eagar. Castleford missed Orr badly after the interval, allowing Kohe-Love and the lively Briers to take advantage with two tries in the space of five minutes. Brad Davis scored a consolation try for Castleford two minutes from the end.

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## Jubilee is a cut above the rest

N A sport which now finds it hard to see beyond next week, a diamond jubilee is one to celebrate. Neither war nor the fundamental change that rugby union underwent when it accepted professionalism has stopped the annual celebration that the National Schools Sevens has become, and today the sixtieth edition begins in and around Rosslyn Park. The first tournament - known as the public schools seven-asides, which is instructive oce the holders of the open competition over the past two years have been John Fisher, a state school from Purley -- included 16 reams and was completed in a day.

This week, for the first time.

the tournament spills over into five days and has 486 squads and around 6,500 players. who are scheduled to play a total of 882 matches. It is a mammoth production, which would not happen on the scale it does without substantial support over the past decade from Shell UK, and among the week's highlights is the diamond jubilee lunch at Roehampion tomorrow.

To mark the occasion, seven survivors from the schools who contested the first final, St

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David Hands looks back at the success of the National School Sevens, which

celebrates its diamond jubilee this week

George's, Harpenden and Clifton College, will be the guests of honour and old boys' teams representing those two schools will play a special match. To give some idea of the continuity of this tournament, 15 of the original schools - the two finalists, Bedford, Cheltenham, Colfe's, Cran-brook, Epsom, Eastbourne, Gresham's, King's (Canter-bury), Mill Hill, Mount St. Mary's, St Paul's, Sevenoaks and Stonyhurst - are still competing. The sixteenth side was a composite VII called the incognin, drawn from the South

of England schools. One of the St George's boys who beat Clifton 10-8 in the first final, Michael Heron, has been a Benedictine monk for 53 years. Now 77, Dom Benedict Heron regularly passes the Saracens training ground as he goes about his pastoral duties from the monastery of Christ the King but the names of his team colleagues still roll easily off his tongue, among them Dennis Watts, who went on to become the national



coach for the Amateur Athletics Association.

"Demis was our flier, we had had a good school year and we felt there was a chance of doing well," Father Benedict, who was a flanker, said. "We were lucky in that we played the first of the semi-finals and had longer to rest than Clifton. But it was quite an achievement because we were a small co-educational school then."

St George's won 10-8 and Father Benedict, who was a conscientious objector during the war, still chuckles at the team he played for in wartime, based on the Friends' Ambulance, who did such danger-ous work during the Blitz. "It must have been the only rugby team to consist entirely of

pacifists," he said. Saracens have also provided coaching clinics for John Fisher as they bid for a third succes-

sive win, a feat which has been

achieved only once in 60 years

1961-63. It is a tribute to the staff at the Surrey school that they regularly field 17 XVs at various age levels during the season, and that their first XV is unbeaten for a second successive season, despite a circuit that includes Dulwich, Whitgift and, for the first time this season, Eton.

"Though we are at different ends of the educational spectrum, the welcome we received at Eton was fantastic," Mike Davies, the John Fisher coach, said. "Schools rugby is very strong but we have to remember that's only five per cent of all the schools in the country." The John Fisher VII include Matthew Leek, the England 18-group fly half, and Tom Robinson, who has played for

England A this season. Nor are the girls forgotten. There were seven entrants in last year's inaugural girls competition, which was won by John Cleveland College from Hinckley. Their alumni include Dean Richards, the Leicester team manager and former England No 8, and they will defend their title against a field which has grown to 24.
Rugby for girls was intro-

duced to the college in 1994 but they have struggled for fixtures in the last two seasons. Yet they have already pro-duced a role model in Vicky McCormack, who captained last year's VII and has won a place in the Emerging England squad "Winning was a significant achievement," Paul Walsh, the first XV coach, said. "It generated publicity for the school and renewed enthusiasm for the game. It'll be much harder this year."



Father Michael Heron, who played for St George's when they won the inaugural National Sevens title



#### By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Mike Lawrence is an ex-world champion, and one of the best writers on the game. He has recently produced a series of computer products which provide over-the-shoulder tuition. "Private Bridge Lessons Volume II" - the latest - consists of more than 100 deals, primarily covering card play, but with interesting bidding points. Each time you deviate from Lawrence's recommended line, the program interrupts to explain the error of your ways. This is an example.

♥ A864 Ů A975 **▲ KQ93** 1 D 2 S All Pass Playing a strong no-trump hand with long trumps, nor-

North opened One Diamond What do you think of North's raise to Two One Spades holding only three. spades? Lawrence points out that the Moysian fit (a term originating from Sonny Moyse, the editor of the Bridge World in the 50s, who strongly advocated the virtues of 43 fits) is on this hand a better contract than One No-Trump, where the seventh trick cannot be set up in time.

In Two Spades it is tempting to try and set up the club suit by using the trumps in dummy but, without a friendly lie of the cards, good defence will foil this plan. The other possible line is to take ruffs in the

mally poor technique. However, this time the "dummy reversal" strategy virtually guarantees the con-tract. Win the opening lead and immediately set about ruffing three hearts in the South hand using dummy's three aces as the entries; you can afford to ruff high each time. The jack and ten of spades will bring the tally up to eight tricks.

"Private Bridge Lessons" costs £39.95 (inc.) from Mr Bridge (01483 489961), or Chess and Bridge (071 388 2404). You need a PC to run

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WORD-WATCHING

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a. A bespoke suit

b. A marsh bird

By Philip Howard

**FEASANCE** a. Feudal duty b. Hay c. Practicability

**GRADUS** a. A dictionary b. Part of a real tennis court c. A step in rhetoric

GRISON a. A Swiss roast cheese dish

b. A quadruped c A linen apron

## KEENE on CHESS

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By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

#### Times championship

The results from the first round of the national stage of *The Times* Schools Championship are now in. The pairings for the second

round are as follows: Calday Grange School v Manchester Grammar School; Cotting-ham High School v Oakham School; Hampton School v Tiffin School; Katherine Lady Berkeley's School v Torquay Boys Grammar School: Magdalen College School, Oxford v Ips-wich School; Maidstone Boys Grammar School v St Paul's, London; Naim Academy v Royal Belfast Academical Institute; Queen Elizabeth's Boys Grammar School v Yarm School. Short wins

Nigel Short has tied for first place in the tournament at Dhaka in Bangladesh. Results were as follows: Short and Schulman 8.5/12: Ehlvest and Wojtkiewicz 8; Sagrebelni 7; Rahman 6.5.

White: Nigel Short Black: Alex Wojtkiewicz Dhaka 1999 Sicilian Defence

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37 K/2 38 Ke2 42 Re1. 43 Re5 44 Kxf5 Kg5 Diagram of final position

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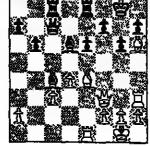
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#### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Goswami-Murugan, Calcutta 1999. How did White power through on the kingside with a typical attacking plan?



RACING: CHAMPION JOCKEY NEEDS PROTECTION MORE THAN CONDEMNATION AT A SENSITIVE TIME

## McCoy stung by whip argument



#### Commentary

ony McCoy was at Lingfield on Saturday, doing what There were no rides for Martin Pipe, the champion trainer uncharacteristically pausing for breath after sending out a staggering 50 runners at Cheltenham, and there were no winners. Just about the only omission to console him was that there was also no invitation to the stewards' room.

McCoy is too driven to settle for a dull day at the office but in his present state of mind he might consider the weekend a minor triumph. After collecting the latest in a saga of whiprelated suspensions on the middle day of Cheltenham, he is best portrayed as racing's equivalent of Emmanuel Petit

Here are two men at the peak of their powers, each tormented by a persecution com-plex over what they regard as the inequitable attentions of officialdom. Petit believes his name has become a prize for referees to flaunt in their black. hooks: McCov darkly suspects something similar of the stewards who stalk him.

Colleagues of both men speak with concern of the "bouts of depression" to which they have become prone. Petit has threatened to leave Arsenal and English football over the issue and, when the blackness is really upon him, Mo-



McCoy works on amending his whip style after the Jockey Club required his attendance at the British Racing School

Coy hints that he might give up riding if the situation does not improve. Well, improve it most certainly has not and as another summons to Portman Square looms, McCoy now has to confront the realities of his dilemma.

He must not, however, be left to do it alone. Just as Petit is being counselled by everyone at his club, McCoy needs a gathering of sensible support and advice. What he does not need is a fuelling of his already dangerous level of resentment, either by those in his corner who rage that the world is against him or from those in authority whose habit

is to patronise and pillory. McCoy is a jewel so rare that racing must seek to protect and encourage rather than routinely condemn. He is a young man who has achieved phenomenal success at a rate previously unheard of in this

most punishing of professions. No horizon is beyond him, no race lost until the finish line.

The career totals of winners amassed by Peter Scudamore and Richard Durwoody, occupied them until their mid-30s. McCoy could surpass them with a decade to spare. With 829 winners in less than five seasons of riding, he should reach 1,000 next year, if suspensions or more self-imposed exiles permit

This, however, is a significant if: the commitment that makes him what he is, a dynamo of quite astonishing efficiency, is a virtue only until it crosses into unacceptability. And if recent rule changes have made that line clearer than it once was, it remains open to the subjective judg-

ments of local stewards. McCoy was stunned by a four-day ban after riding one of the easiest winners of the Cheltenham Festival, Majadou in the Mildmay of Flete Chase. By all accounts he was incandescent on returning to change and has refused to discuss the issue since. Even his agent, Dave Roberts, who previously went on record in strong defence of his man, believes no purpose can be served by comment or appeal.

ipe, the winning trainer, did have something to say. "I saw nothing wrong at all," he said. "Everybody at the course thought Tony rode a great race and the owner was extremely happy with his ride. But, according to the stewards, owners don't matter. " It is easy to appreciate Pipe's irritation at the gloss being re-moved from the successful execution of his Festival banker but he should know that his

last comment was absurd.

Where whip offences are concerned, owners do not matter a jot. It is the horses, and the precarious image of rac-ing, that matter and the only question is whether the stew ards are being overprotective and needlessly realous.

The suggestion, made by Pipe and not denied by the stewards, that it was a comment on Channel 4 that alerted them to McCoy's indiscretion, does not sit easily. Stewards should no more give a reflex reaction to a remark by a television commentator than football referees should be swayed by the baying of a

However, an unusual debriefing on the incident by Malcolm Wallace, the Jockey Club's Director of Regulation, was revealing. McCoy, he said, was hitting Majadou across the ribs and he knows that is wrong. Tony does not

he was taught". This relates to McCoy's enforced attendance at the British Racing School. where he received special instruction on use of the whip after an 18-day ban imposed last November. So, did McCoy ignore such education, or are the

rules conspiring against him? Jeff King, the jockeys' jockey of his generation and now a trainer who employs McCoy whenever possible, believes the latter. There is no sterner judge of jockeys than King and he considers McCoy one of the best there has ever been. He also sympathises with him in his current predicament. "I think he suffers from the rule that stops him raising his stick above shoulder height." King said. "It means he is bringing it down across the horse's hip rather than the rump. But he's not just someone who sits on top and whacks a horse for no reason, he is trying to win rac-es. I'm not surprised he's de-

pressed about it."

Wallace pointed out last week that Mick Fitzgerald. jockey of the Festival, has never been suspended for misuse of the whip. It was an attempt to illustrate that the rules are not unfathomable but McCoy could as easily have interpret-ed it as proof that he is being singled out. He is in that mood.

This is a contentious debate and it will not easily be resolved. McCoy is a fabulous talent, regularly winning rac-es that would be beyond most jockeys, but there are those even among his colleagues who concede his method has a technical flaw.

Meantime, his volume of rides and the pressure to win coming from the equally obsessive Pipe means that the problem is public and volatile.

Plainly, it is doing McCoy no good. When he is worried, as well as wasting, his gaunt body looks skeletal and his pale face haunted. On days like this, you feel emotional burnout is a real danger and racing has too few gems to allow that to happen.

## Pace quickens as Flat season draws closer

By Alan Lee, racing correspondent

CHELTENHAM is scarcely over, Aintree still to come, but the turf Flat season begins on Thursday and the powerful stables are already flexing their muscles. Significant news came from Dubai and Ireland yesterday, while champion jockey Kieren Falion learned he must miss the Worthington Lincoln Handi-cap next Saturday through

A week ago. Aidan O'Brien was dispatching Istabraq across the Irish Sea to defend his hurdling crown, but jump racing is now very much a sideline for the youthful master of Ballydoyle, Flat horses dominate his yard and Stravinsky, thought to be among the best of them, could make an early reappearance.

The colt, beaten twice after an impressive debut at York in August, remains fancied for the Sagitta 2,000 Guineas on May 2 and O'Brien is considering running him in a seven-furiong race at the Curragh next Sunday.

Aliabr, the first horse to beat Stravinsky, is one of the horses earmarked to represent Godolphin in the Kentucky Derby on May I, and he

remains on course despite beg ing beaten in a private trial. Godolphin staged an eightrunner race at the Nad Al Sheba track in Dubai, where Aljabr was a close second to Worldly Manner. Simon Crisford, racing manager to God-olphin, said: "It was a good trial — a proper race. Both horses are on schedule for Churchill Downs and there will be another trial in April. Fallon, British champion

for the past two years, will start the new season at Doncaster on Thursday, when the other scheduled meeting at Windsor is subject to an it's spection tomorrow due to heavy ground. A one-day suspension picked up in Hong Kong, however, will cost him the ride on Chewit in the

Hong Kong's Sha Tin course was the scene of a tragedy on Saturday when the girl apprentice jockey Wai Kan. 20, was killed after being unseated during a race. Kan spent last summer in England with trainer David Nicholls and rode a winner at Haydock. "She was a lovely b'th Nicholls said. "She user. ring us every week."

### Pipe nets a double

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

DAVID PIPE was odds-on to make an impression in this sport once he decided to begin training. As the son of champion trainer, Martin Pipe, he had many advantages; but you cannot blame him for that, nor for using racing between the flags as a start point on the road to becoming head of the Pond House stables.

On Saturday at the Quantock Staghounds' meeting he saddled a double, looking slightly worried when Slew Man became his thirteenth winner of the season and smiling broadly when Ibex moved him off the unlucky number. Slew Man won the men's open, a Land Rover hunter

chase qualifier, giving Ashley Farrant, 27 and one year older than Pipe, his 100th winner in all types of racing.

Farrant's day turned bad in division two of the maiden when Pipe's Forofiverwohundred fell and winded the jockey. In Farrant's absence, Tim Mitchell answered the trainer's call to guide Ibex to victory.

#### NEWCASTLE

2.30 Oakbury

3.30 MONIS (nap) 2.00 Barnburgh Boy 4.00 My House 4.35 Young Steven 3.00 Magslad 5.05 Solway Breeze

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.00 BURNT IMP. Carl Evans: 3.00 Buckshee. 4.35 Grand As Owt.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

2.00 NORTHERN RACING NOVICES CHASE

(£3,420: 2m 110yd) (7 runners) 

BETTRUS: 4-6 Earnburgh Boy, 8-4 Pomic, 14-1 Common Sound, 23-1 Isle Of Rhuck, 50-1 orbits. 1998: NO COPPESPONDING RACE.

BARNBLINGH BOY has a good opportunity to resume winning ways after running vice the smart Agrawadds Gold, beaten 16 lengths, at Newcastle last month. Turn Restorby's charge had previously completed a hal-buck in novice company with a comfortable detect of Fessan at Caterial and appears to have only the ex-French Pomic to overcome here. The latter has three chose wins at Autenia ha have and, returning from a hour-month break, ran better time the result suggests when a well-beaten softh to Chief Wandance in a novice hurdle at Newcastle on bits debut for Michy Hammand Expressment should be forticoming on this return to fences. The remainder was hard to lancy with Common Sound yet to translate his (modest) hurdling form to fences.

#### 2.30 NORTHERN IMAGE SELLING HANDICAP HUROLE (£1,700: 2m 4f) (17 numers)

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BETTING: 9-2 Latin Leades. 5-1 Calchury. 7-1 Peop O Clay, 8-1 Edistane, Chanson O'Agocus, 16-1 Leap in The Carls, Disparet. Nine Phys., 12-1 others. 1998 WATER FORT 6-10-8 R McGratt (evens lav) J J (THEIR 12 ran

A low-grade handicap where status should be kept to a minimum. Few of the 17 numbers have performed with any consisting on her last two starts also finishing a respectable law lengths from 10 June 1984 in a Chinesia self-ir in Disamber. OMAILUTY does in length should be provide to June 1984 in a Chinesia self-ir in Disamber. OMAILUTY does in length should be provide to June 1984 in a Chinesia self-ir in Disamber. OMAILUTY does in length special when televining from a two-morph attender and finishing several of 19 to Western General in a similar event here three weeks ago. Edistine, 10th out of the bandicap in a non-selfer last time, can be given claims on his previous lifts to Moonshine Dancia of Chinesia (Mobile Northern eight) and finalization may also do before stepped up in distance of the others, Latin Leader has shown his best form on a sound surface, Peop O Day is ideally suited by faster, white Distinct returns to hundling after failing to take to feeters his last three starts.

#### 3.00 NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSARS HUNTERS CHASE

(£2,666: 3m) (11 numers) 

BETTRIG: 3-1 Busichee, 7-2 Magslat, 4-1 Joint Account, 7-1 Strathmore Lodge, 8-1 Miners Melady, 10-1 Fical Policy, Thank U. Jim, 12-1 others. 1998: HOWAYMAN 8-11-13 Mr & Anderson (5-4) K Anderson 4 ran

JORIT ACCOUNT has plenty of potential and appeals as the one to best after his fine second to the useful Code Abbey at blusselbergh lest morth on his debut for new connections. He tailed to help his cause with some tardy jumping that day and improvement in that area will note leave to king opposed in hunter-chase company. Magasad, mand by Josep O'Holt area will note leave cond to King O' Sparts in a mortes chase at Usease that i.m., unfortunally has taking and should not cherry-ripe following his foor-length second in a men's open at Delston nine days ago. Buchstee enters the rectioning after his win in a contined at Contridge, white Middinger Infacted third is a men's open over those miles live furtiongs on the same card. Stratemore Lodge showed that shit retains ability when chasting home Howayusan at Ayr recently and should again be there or thereabouts.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** % 33.3 25.4 17.2 14.6 14.0 12.5 39.5 29.5 18.4 14.1 13.2 12.8 A Decrepsey
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## GIFTO HEREE SEE

#### 3.30 JOHN SMITH'S NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

(£2,306: 2m) (10 runners) 1 OU/UN SPLENDID OCCASION 21 (Mrs. A Bell) W Commissioner 9-11-6 ... N Smith S3 OU AEL RED 21 (L) Gledson's R Johnson 6-11-6 ... Mrs. C B Worner (7) AEL RED 22 (L) Gledson's R Johnson 6-11-6 ... Mrs. C B Worner (7) AEL RED 24 (L) C Sherry B Ellions 8-11-3 ... R Johnson 5-19-19 (L) C Sherry B Ellions 8-11-3 ... R Johnson 5-19-19 (L) C Sherry B Ellions 8-11-3 ... C McCornotack (3) AEL RED 20 CORNACS BOARCER 32 (V) C Sherry Mrs. A Resignation 5-11-4 ... J Sopphir 7 School Cornotack C Sherry C Sherry Mrs. A Resignation 5-11-4 ... R Greek 25 C BOOOTH, CHEY 30 (Mrs. J Milligan) Mrs. K Milligan 7-11-4 ... R Greek 25 C BOOOTH, CHEY 30 (Mrs. J Milligan) Mrs. K Milligan 7-11-4 ... R Greek 25 C BOOOTH, CHEY 30 (Mrs. J Milligan) Mrs. K Milligan 7-11-4 ... Mrs. R Greek 25 C BOOOTH, CHEY 30 (Mrs. J Milligan) Mrs. S-10-13 ... Mr H Resuption (5) S 15 Notes 50 C BOOOTH CHEY 37 AFTE 37 (L) C Sherry Mrs. S-10-13 ... Mrs. S-10-13

BETTMES: 5-2 Masks, 11-4 One Sago, 7-2 Opera's Dancer, 4-1 Pro Verkale, 10-1 Gales Boy, 20-1 Splandid Occasion, 25-1 Gard Of Holly, 33-1 others. 1998: ALPRIC HUDGAWAY 5-11-13 R Gardity (2-1 lar) M W Easterby 14 ran

MONIS can make the most of this drop in class. The wineer of an 18-runner obvious' event at Califact in November, he has been in the handleapper's grip of late but has nevertheless been in the handleapper's grip of late but has nevertheless been in the handleapper's grip of late but has nevertheless been in the handleapper's grip of late but has nevertheless late me and may prove the main threat. The horn of his previous second to Bit O Margis in a 4 Alussieburgh maider (2m 41) reads well enough at this level. Pro Yartota haded at some ability in bumpers but has so far shown only poor form over hundles, white One Stop remains a marden and is one of the most exposed in the fire us.

#### 4.00 GOSFORTH BUILDING AND DECORATING SERVICES

HANDICAP CHASE (£3,550: 3m) (7 runners) 

SETTINGS 5-2 Bernst lamp, 7-2 Sobspirits, 9-2 by House, 6-1 Shipus, 7-1 Milyany, 8-1 Cartey Lad. 10-1 Harden Gleb. 1998: JUNE BOX SELLY 10-11-19 A Therrism (10-11 fee) Mrs J Brown 3 ran

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### 4.35 TOWN & COUNTRY BARS HOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

(£1,747: 2m 4f) (7 runners) 

HRILLINGAR COR has given tow racecourse class to his ability for was out of action for the years prior to 1997/98 when returning to action for three years prior to 1997/98 when returning to action for Barray Cortery and showing form to a settling handloop handle), but is worth this chance to conform the promise of recent poort-to-point strapings. Successful in a matcher in February, he tost valuable ground when has rider foot her force mid-rice in a restricted at Charm Park eight days ago and did well to run Jest Common to half a languar forum straping difficult his himself with sorms sloppy jumping when a heater languar through the himself with sorms sloppy jumping when a heater languar through the himself with sorms sloppy jumping when a heater languary. He has since galeed in combinance-boosting victory between the flags and looks a mater player here. Pringle let won a similar race at Heatern last season and should strip filter for his reappearance fourth to Hillonistown Lass at Doncasier.

#### 5.05 ST MODWEN INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HURT FLAT (£1,711: 2m) (12 runners)

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3-61 WINNARD DAMSEL 21 (CD.S) (D Hath Mrs M Reveley 6-11-6. Mr A Deroyson (S)
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GOMMANDANT (M Bowling) J Fracheral 6-17-4 G McContract, (7)
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BETTING 9-4 Johnn's Pre. 3-1 Prompts Decent. 4-7 hard For The Hote, 5-1 Solvery Brosses, 8-1 Equinament Manny, 16-1 Commenciant, 25-1 hard Solver, Red Lithers, 33-1 select. 1966: DOUBLE CHANES 4-10-5 S Taylor (20-1) M Dods 21 spx

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## THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE Traixelor (2.30), 185 miles. College Don (2.00) 149 mile **COUTHWILL** Flat. 6 race card Whining Linguistic Dancer (2.15), Bebe Cosmonaut (3.15), Cosmic Attitude (4.15)

Times. 3.45 China Castie. 4.15 Thomaby Girl.

GOING: STANDARD TOTE JACKPUT MEETING

2.15 TROOK APPRENTICE FELLES HANDICAP

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2.45 CARNOUSTE STAKES (22,173: 71) (10)

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

(£2,484; tm) (10 runners)

#### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Soven (13-2), B ran. 8t, 7t, Mrs. J Pilmen. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £3.10, £2.00. DF: £22.90. CSF: £24.21, Tricast: £130.43. 2.20 (Am 2) ch) 1, Young Kenny (B Powel, 5-2 lan); 2, Call It A Day (12-1); 3, Holybern, Buck (11-1), 14 ran, NF: Miss District, 10, 14; P Beaumont, Total 53-60; 22.00, C2.90, E3.20, DF: 225.40, Trilacus; 53-9,70, CSP: £29.57, Treast; £253.70. 2-50 (2n 6 1 10 yet hole) 1, Wieley Wooder (C Llewellyn, 5-1); 2, Balanek (10-1); 3, Green Crusader (9-2), Sooring Pedigran (2n) 5-2 few 8 ren. 4, 24, N Twist-pro-Carea, Tote: P8.30; 22.30, 22.81, DF: 218.70, CSF: 243.65.

219.10 CSF: 240.00. 3.25 (20.46 11)0yd holle: 1, Jungill (J.A.Mo-Carthy, 5-4 fav); 2, Polar Flight (3-1); 3, Percy Parkespar (2-1), 6 nat. 181, 51. P Webber, Total: E2.30; £1.30, £1.70. DF: E2.60. CSF: £4.99.

29 JP.
4.35 (2m hole) 1, Explain This (R Durwoody, 5-6 lav); 2, Smolang Gun (40-1); 3, Haram Scaren (9-4), 7 mm, 111, St. C Mann. Tous: £1.80; £1.50, £6.20. DF: £31.50, £5.20.

#### Newcastle

1.50 1, Camlex Capers (14-1); 2, High Pysonses (11-1); 3, Rahue (2-7 fav), 22 ran. 2.25 1, Monymum (100-30); 2, Minster Glay (5-2 k-lev); 3, Another Red (11-2), 5 ren. NR: Tapatch.

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Going: good to soft

4.00 (2m Si ch) 1, irbee (J Tizzard, 8-11 lav); 2, Kinga Cheny (7-1); 3, Ballyfine (5-1), 5 ran: 134, clst. P Nicholis Tote; 21 60; 21.20, 22.20. DF: 55.30. CSF: 25.00

Going: soft, good to soft in places

Market Rasen

Placepot: £159.70. Ossidpot: £29.70.

2.56 1, Merry Masquerade (6-4 far); 2. Attaclate (9-2); 3. Scotmail Lad (4-1). B

## 3.25 1, Keen To The Last (7-4 lav/); Yelspe Prince (100-1), 7 set: 3.55 1, Te-Day Te-Day (5-1); 2, Lenscer Lane (20-1); 3, Lord Pat. (8-1), Custem-sachopwel 9-4 lav. 13 ren.

125 1. Flat Top (5-2); 2, Jyr

2.16 1, Ibo Maskinh (2-1 lav); 2, For Physish (8-1); 3, Fortune Hopper (16-1), 7 ran. 2.45 1, Jensice One (11-2), 2, Golden Trunderbolt (8-1); 3, Amean Sun (25,1) Springfield Scally 15-8 fav. 12 ran. NR: El Don.

3.15 1, Whithy (33-1); 2, Dry Hil Lad (3-2); 3, Dende Dove (66-1) Carack froop 7-4 kev. 9 km. 3.50 1, Mazaman (11-10 g-fav); 2, Madem-ist Sam (10-1); 3, Althrey Pilot (25-1), 4 km 4.26 1, Lobushe (8-1), 2, Stage Whisper (3-1 lav); 3, Salvage (30-1). 10 ran. 5.25 1, Obelisk (9-2); 2, Script For Life (9-1); 3, Scieur de Sentier (11-8 fav), 14 jun

Lingfield Park Going: good to soft

2.05 1, High Game (2-9 tay); 2. Fichien Delight (40-1); 3. Wild Blade (20-1). 8 ran. 2.40 1, Salicotino (9-4 tay); 2. Tiger Paws (9-2); 3. Stration Flyer (40-1). 14 ran. NS Old Archives. 2.10 1, Boulevard Bay (9-1); 2, Jezzy Re-rain (33-1); 3, Northern Saddler (7-1) Red Been 100-30 fev. 10 ren. 2.40 1, Pastings (8-1); 2, Warm Spel (11-4 lav); 3, Equity's Derling (9-2), 9 ren. 4.10 1, Supreme Sound (9-1); 2, SickAs A Parrot (25-1); 3, Tallulah Belle (25-1). Refuse To Lose 6-4 lav. 14 ren. 146109 10 LOSS 6-4 RW. 14 RW. 4. RW. 4. 4.40 1, Rare Occusance (11-10 §-fav); 2. Melling (11-10 §-fav); 3. Jeices Jussico (66-1); 6 ren. 5.10 1, Another Chancer (6-1); 2. Ball Strong (10-1); 3. Weepons Free (16-1). Brown Seel 7-2 fav. 13 ran.

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3-1 Thornaby Mil. 5-2 Keen Hands, 11-2 Legal Vennon, 5-1 Lady Carbon, 7-1 Westrale, 5-1 Doby Day Dream, 12-1 Longinoline, 16-1 others,

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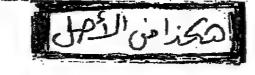
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20-11; Swaziland br Guernesy 20-18.

WARNER: HOLDAYS ALL ENGLAND
CHAMPHON OF CHAMPHONS FINALS
(at Gunton Hell Village, Lowestoft: First
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Walker (Rogsthorpe) 21-11; P Lest (pewich) bt G Heisherst (Swindon Weslacot)
21-16; R Newman (Whitelanights) bi R Beit
(Elimbridge) 21-14, H Weits (ses) bi G Hesleath (Preston) 21-15; S Steaton
(Scuritrope) bt J Evans (Torquey) 21-16; M
Weiss 21-10; M Weisson (Pyedale) bt G Smain
(Spacking) 21-9; G Chastion (Folloestone) bt
11 Bond (Exone) 21-16; Cusarier-sinals: Holt
bt Last 21-19; Newman bt Waits 21-11; Poyal bt Skeiton 21-20; Charteon bt Walton

21-10 Semi-directive. Newman bit Hott 21-16;
Royal bt Cherkon 21-20.
WWENNE TROPHY (at Lawson Park, Berlord). Semi-directive 310-8 (A. Berlord). Semi-direct CRICKET

Third Test match New Zealand v South Africa WELLINGTON (tourth day of tive): New Zee-land, with three second-immas wedlets in hand, trait South Africa by 59 runs NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 222 (G R Steed 68, C Z Harris 68, S M Poliock 5 for 33

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D J Nash not out.
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-35, 3-35, 4-100, 5-162, 6-198, 7-199,
BOWLING: Pollock: 19-4-49-1, Elworthy
22-4-58-4, Relis: 18-7-50-0; Klussmer
11-7-15-0, Adams 18-6-35-2.

SHEFFIELD SHEELD FINAL: Third day of fine: Brishame: Queenstand 265 (A Sy-monds 113, and 32-1; Western Australia 425-9 dec; Skepch 115, D R Marryn 85, 8 P Julien 84). BUSTA CUP FINAL: First day of four: Barbados: Berbados 258-8 (S L Campbel 62, A F G Griffith 58) CYCLING

at tisc. 3, H Hayes (Doyle Pursuits) same sine sine sine. ASHTRELD CLASSIC (Selson, Notting-harmship, 83 miles): 1-N Switherbank (SS. Bolfington): 2-25:00; 2- D Coutson (JE James RT) at 36sec; 3, D Cook (Middhidge CRT) seme time. (NNARESBOROUGH RT (Clott, North Yorkshire, 28 miles): 1, C Ash (Middhidge CRT): 101:12: 2, T Handal (Cycling Today) at 2:12: 4 of them (VC ACLUM) at 222. TOUR OF ARDS (Newtonards, Northern trained, 100km); 1, B Doherty (VC Glendale) 2:18:27; 2, T Evans (Clattic-Nessan), 3, P Geddis (Northern CC) at same time. Time trials

near Chester, 25 miles) 1, A Willemson (Port Sursignt Wheelers) 57 43, 2, P Hoff (Whee-ham RC) 58:40, 3, P Whatail (Chester RC) 59:35. 38735. ELY AND DISTRICT CC (25 miles): Equal 1, R De sign and S Morreson (Bolin CC Grack-land) 58.17, 3, D Staff (North Road CC) 58:58 Team: CC Breckland 3:02:55.

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Switz), 68: 2, 1 Tops (Ned), 68° 3, 1, Seetbaum (Germany), 68 British placings: 6, J
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Grunsven, Ned), 73.43; 4, Hiscox Asigni
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Topuwessen, Ned), 73.43; 4, Hiscox Asigni
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Whitek (Eq.), 81 3 equal, A Simons de Neddez (Ger) and B Devison (GS), 61, 5, A van
Grunsven (Ned), 60.

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ORLANDO, Florida: Bay HIII Invitational: Leaders after three rounds: (Lined States unless stated) 202: T Lenvron 66, 89, 67; D Love 69, 66, 67, 200: T Lenvron 69, 69, 67; D Love 69, 66, 67, 200: T Lenvron 69, 68, 58, 208: B Chambles 70, 69, 67, 208: S Estes 70, 70, 69, 67, 208: R Alienby (Aus) 72, 66, 71; R Desmon 70, 71, 65, 5 Jones 71, 71, 67, J Leonard 69, 71, 69, R Mediato 71, 67, J Leonard 69, 71, 69, R Mediato 71, 67, J Leonard 69, 71, 69, R Mediato 71, 67, J Leonard 69, 71, 69, S Pane 69, 69, 71; D Prints 68, 71, 70, V Smith (Fig. 89, 71, C2) C J Toms 71, 71, 68, 69, 71; D Prints 68, 71, 72, 212: F Aleam (SA) 70, 68, 74; C Mortogomene (CS) 71, 69, 72, L Westwood (GG) 71, 68, 72, 214: E De SA) 74, 67, 72, J Dozabi (Japan) 74, 69, 72, 216: F Nobio (Nz) 70, 73, 72; G Westle (NZ) 72, 73, 70, 216: B Langer (Ger) 74, 69, 72, 216: F Nobio (Nz) 70, 73, 75, 222: T Dodds (Nam) 72, 74, 76
ST, AUGUSTENE: Liberty Managa Lagends: Leaders after hwo rounds (United States unless stated) 128: G Morgan and H Green 61, 67, 131: D Goshem and J Steple 29, 69, 123: G Morgan and H Green 61, 67, 131: D Goshem and J Steple 29, 69, 123: G Managa 91, 74, 76, 76, 71, 72, 74, 76
133: T Jacktin and L Zepter 68, 67, J Managley and T Wergo 63, 70, 134: B Baird and H Bannas 88, 68, D January and G Li-

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tier 67, 67 B Alim and J Heard 67, 57. J Bland and G March 66, 68. A Gosberger and 7 Shaw 65, 69: O Moody and J Powel 65, 69 135: J Deni and C Peate 69, 66 G Gibert and J C Sheed 68, 67; M Hill and L Treams 67, 88 136: H Harmang and C Rodriguez 89 67, C Coody and D Douglass, 68, 68, J Albus and L Lacretti 68, 63; 7 Aeron and D Bes 67, 69 137: B Devin and D Massengalo 68, 69: D Hall and B Nachols 67, 70 Sengaio 68, 69° D Hull and B Nathous 67° 70 PHOCHEK, Arizanas L. PGA Standard Reg-Indra Pilot Leaders after three rounds (Lined States uriess stated), 205° K Webb Aus) 68 68° 62° 207° I. Kare (Can) 65° 70. 71° 209° W Ward 70, 71, 68, T Banett 69, 70. 70° 210° K Alberts 71, 72, 68, 211° M Naus-68, 73, 70° 212° P Pazzo 73, 70° 69° A Sorens-tarn (Swe) 72, 69, 71° L Davies (CB) 68° 72. 72 K Salv 70° 70° 72° H Alfredson (Salv) 69, 69, 74° 213° C Johnston-Foches 67° 76° 70° J Jinkste 68, 75° 70° C Matthew (GB) 74°, 68, 70° L Lindley 72, 68, 72° Other scores 216° J Mocdes (GB) 73, 73, 69.

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atch 2 Hendon O: Madenhead O Tutse Hill: W Witney I Southampton 3; Windrester 4 Reading 3: Standinger: 1 Dulwich 50 (Champoint). 2 Rover Couley 45; 3 Tutso Hill: 41 Weat: Exster 0 Cheltonham 1, Exmodth 2: Boumerrouth 2; Leonanster 5 Pornshead 2: Rediand 2: St. Austell 3, T. Vale 1 Colvall 1: Standinger: 1, Exmodit 38pts: 2, Colvall 39; 3, Bournemouth 30. ICE HOCKEY

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MOTOR RALLYING

PORTO: Rally of Portugal: First stage (3.2km): 1 C McRae (GB, Ford Focus) 3mm 12 3sec 2, M Growholm (Fin, Misub-ch) at 0 4sec 3, C Sanz (Sp. Toyota) at 0.9.
4, D Aumol (Fr. Toyota) 2.0 5, T Misusen (Fin, Misubskh) 2.1, 5, J Kankdumen (Fin, Subaru Impreza) 2.6 7, A Schwarz (Ger, Shota Octavio) 3.2 8, M Martin (Est, Ford Econd) 3.6, 9, P List (It SEAT) 3.9, 10, H Rovenpasa (Fin, SEAT) and Pasi Hagstrom (Fin, Toyota Corolla) both 4.3

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CLIPPER ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE; leg 3c (Shanghai to Hong Kong): Final po-

eltions: 1 Anel (A Thomson), 2, Taeping (N Filomorg), 3, Chrysolite (T Hedges), 4, Ard-ope (K Hams), 5, Senca (R Dean), 6, Microneus (B Sollers) **TENNIS** 

KEY BISCANE, Florida: Lioton Champlonshipe: Ment: Second round: V Spacios (US) by Kafelnkov (Russ) 6-7.

7-6, 6-2. T Herman (GBi b) C Mama (US) 3-6. 6-2. S Grocean (Fr) bi Bermin (Call 6-2. 6-2. S Grocean (Fr) bi G Kueten (Brat 6-3, 7-6.) Bigotham (Swe) bi A Modivedev (Uhr) 1-6. 6-1. 6-2. J Stotenberg (Jus) bi W Block (Gm) 6-4. 16. 7-6 R Deligado (Par) bi B Ultitrach (Car) 2-6. 6-1. 6-2 A Costa (Sp) bi S Dosedel (Car) 2-6. 6-1. 6-2 A Costa (Sp) bi S Dosedel (Car) 2-6. 6-1. 6-2 A Costa (Sp) bi S Dosedel (Car) 2-6. 6-1. 6-2 A Costa (Sp) bi S Dosedel (Car) 2-6. 6-1. K Kuceta (Slovakia) bi T A Quasta (US) 1-6. 6-3. 6-2. C Morg (Sp) bi D Sangusheti (II) 5-3. 4-6. 6-1. K Kuceta (Slovakia) bi P Haarhus (Neo) 6-2. 6-2. J Antonio Marin (Caracas) bi A Berasalegia (Sp) 2-1 ret P Samptes (US) 1-6. Couner (US) 6-3. 7-6. A Pawel (Rom) bi M Rossel (Switz) 6-4. 4-6. 7-6. N Laperni (Cau) bi T Haas (Gen) 5-7. 7-6. 6-2: M Plos (Che) bi S Draper (Aus) 7-5. 6-3. M Pintiponesse (Aus) bi L Heunti (Aus) 6-3. 6-4. B Black (Zim) bi N Becade (Ger) 7-5. 6-0 Womens Second round: M Hings; (Switz) bi K Habsudová (Slovakia) 6-1. 6-4. Nouminová (Na) 6-2. 7-5. V Rusino-Pescual (So) bi T Rende (II) 6-4. 6-2. V Williams (Us) bi T Singder (US) 6-3. 6-4. A Nouminová (Na) 6-0. 6-7. F Zuluago (Co) bi I Majoli (Cro) 7-5. 7-5. N Tauzat (Fr) bi B Ritiner (Ger) 6-2. ret R Drapomir (From) bi I Sonder (Rus) 4-6. 6-2. S Farma (II) bi M Cemans (Ned) 6-0. 6-4. M Drake (Can) bi C Etack (Zim) 6-1. 6-3. A Huber (Ger) 1-1. Davenpor (US) 6-3. 6-4. B Schett (Austina) bi M Saela (Lapan) 7-5. 6-7. 6-2. M Serna (Na) 5-4. M Saen (Lapan) 7-5. 6-7. 6-2. N Serna (Na) 6-1. 6-3. A Huber (Ger) 6-2. 7-6. N Deschy (Fr) bi M Straughnessy (US) 7-6. 3-6. 6-2. S Farma (Na) 5 M Gens (Ger) 6-4. 3-6. 6-0. M Pierce (Fr) bi L Osterion (USA) 6-1. 6-1. S Williams (US) bi C Bernost to Marchae Vicano (Sp) 1-6. 7-5. 6-4. N Deschy (Fr) bi M Straughnessy (LS) 6-3. 6-4. Nouring (Dela) bi A Gless (Ger) 6-4. 3-6. 6-3. S Wannsea. National Girobank Tour: Marchae Vicano (Sp) 1-6. 10. Devenden (Sp)

Men: Final: N Gould (Avon) bt C Bennett (Hereford and Words) 7-6, 6-3 Women: Final: K Ellioti (Herts) bt J Dawson (Sus-

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#### ATHLETICS

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CRAWLEY: Open Meeting: Men: 80se: 1, if Ball (Casnley) 8.7 sec. 150se: 1, A Gordon (Worthing) 16.8. 300se: 1, Gordon 34.8. 800se: 1, Gordon 34.8. 800se: 1, I V Maugin 6 feine 18) 245.2. 3,000m; 1, K Hoyle (Phoerid 8 A5.9. 300se hundles: 1, D Motes (Walton) 42.0. High Jumps: 1, J Briss (Wolton) 42.0. High Jumps: 1, J Briss (Wolton) 77.48 nt (Kveterans record). Discuss: 1, M Smell (Belgrave) 40.78 nt. Hannton: 1, G Holder (Studiesbury Barnel) 5.7 4m. Wilserts: 1, M Smell (Belgrave) 40.78 nt. Hannton: 1, G Holder (Studiesbury Barnel) 5.7 4m. Wilserts: 40.3. 1,000m; 1, C May (Guidford & Godelming) 256.1. 3,000m; 1, Smell for 8 February 1, Smell for 8 February 11, 25 m. 1, Smell foldershut, Farnham and Desinel 46.5 prote Vasite: 1, V Notrey (Pure 7Vi) 2m. Long Jamps: 1, Esroks (Protein) 11,20m. Discises 8 February 1,20m. Hannsmert 1, P Barnel (February 13.5 m.) 40.90m. Hannsmert 1, P Barnel (Verles) 42.73m. Javeline: 1, M Komp (Sutton) 40.90m. Track and field

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(Muswell Hill Furniers) 1,541; 2, V Stackbort
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2, Les Croupi Runners 2056 GRAVES PARK, Shaffield: Post Office National Championships: Mem (9.5km): 1, P Green (North West and North Wales)

24min 2sec; 2, S Fernetck (Astiennes) 24:21; 3, A Peace (North East) 24:30. Teast: 1, Mid-lands 31ps, Women (4.2mm); 1, B Jenkins (North West and North Weles) 17:30, 2, S Griffatte (North East) 18:11; 3, K Museon (North West 3, North Weles) 18:29, Team: 1, North East 25, 2, Midlands 26; 3, North West and North Weles 26; West and North Weles 26:

WIMBLEDON COMMON: Velerans (4.8 miles): 1, M Wasting (Blackheath) 25min 47se, 2, H Morten (Blackheath) 2627; 3, G Tuck (Hercules Wirebledon) 26:24, 3, G Vun-60: 1, K Spacis (Drames Hare & Hounds) 36:20, Ower-70: 1, D Adie (Dulwich Runners) 35:07, Women: 1, J Devies (Epsom and Evel) 31:23, 2, R Tabor (Dulwich Runners) 34:22, 3, J Quartifit (South London Harriers) 35:45.

HOAD HUMING
ROWE MARATHON: Mens 1, P Tanui
(Kan) 2 hr Amin Sesse; 2, D Kapitanov
(Russ) 2:10-10; 3, P Chinchir (Kan) 2:10-15;
4, R Bani (I) 2:10-26; 5, O De Souza (B)
2:10-49; 4, W Koech (Kan) 2:11-39. Westater 1, M Viceconise (D 2th 29min 38esc; 2, J
Salumae (Esi) 2:30-40; 3, L Edson (Ein)
2:32-36; 4, K Szynensian (Pol) 2:34-46; 5, N
Galustion (Bial) 2:35-16; 6, G Kamesevicz
(Bele) 2:35-59

GATESHEAD: Winfer Langue Series Stree Men: T. I. I Heggen (Sunderland) 15mm 34sec; Z. P. Morgan (Sooth Shelds) 1645; 3. Michally (Elseick) 17.07, Wom-en: A Brown (Healon) 21:42.

(Chester-le-Street) 38-29. Teams Ancad 196. Veterans L. Hooper (Arnar) 42-38 Over-45: M. Direc: (Tyredal) 41-10. Over-45: M. Elendon (Chester-le-Street) 42-21. SWINDON: Swindon Harriers road re-layer Men (403.1 miles): 1, City of Port-strough the Orrin 33sec; 2, Bristol 1.01:57; 3, Beatropslova & Mid Harriers 1.03:19; Wom-en (30.1 miles); 1, Bristol 54:32, 2, Cleve-don 1.01:54; 3, Swindon Harriers 1.04:34. SOUTH SHIELDS: Doby Peel Tribmi: 1, T. Wall placepath 30min Shac; 2, J. Lews (Surjednand) 32:39; 3, D. Robertson (Sunderland) 32:39; 3, D. Robertson (Sunderland) 32:42. Tewns: 1, South Bhields 19pts, Women: 1, S. Alien (Foughton & Peterlen) 33:01, 2, M. McDermell (Satwell 39:32; 3, C. Bowmen (Chesterle-Street) 40:28 Tewns: 1, Elewick 48



Oxford University were made to work hard before beating a Queen's Tower crew containing seven Great Britain internationals in their build-up to the Boat Race on the Tideway on Saturday. Photograph: Ben Gurr

#### JUB Super Langue Leigh Centurions: Tries: Fanclough, Hac-croft, Ingram Boels: D Purill 2 Feather-stone Rovers: Tries: Smoods, Stokes Goels: Chapmen 2 Att: 1.603 Shelfield 20 London Sheffold Eagles: Tries: Pearson 2, Shaw. Goels: Aston 4, Loodon Broncos: Tries: Fleming 2, Offiah, Pelers Goals: Warton 5 Att: 3,269 Rochdele Hometis: Tries: Cameron. Coult. Fizgerald, Hillon. Goels: Fox 3, Lan-cashire Lync: Tries: Abram, Caldari, P. Jones, Pasilay, Goalst. P. Jones. 5. Dropped goal: P. Jones. Att. 714. Swinton 19 Dewsbury 29 Hudderstield Glants: Tries: Cheetham 2, Bentley. Goat: Coulding. Halifet Blue Bosc Tries: Gibson, Hokoyd. Goals; Hol-royd 4 Dropped goat: Hokoyd Ad: 4,667 Swinton Lions: Tries: Cleary, Hensre, Hil Goals: Walson 3 Dropped goal: Walson, Dewsbury Ramse Tries: Evans 2, Ball, Gra-ham, B.Wilsoms, Goals: Ealon 4 Dropped goal: Eaton Att: 1,040 Hull Sharics: Goal: Prescot, Dropped goal: Prescoti, Bradford Bulls: Try: McA-voy. Goals: McNamara 2. Att: 6,577. Widnes Wakefield Trinity: Tries: D Mench 2, Poch-ing, Stot. Goels: G Law 8, Salford Reds; Tries: Carigo, Casey. Goel: Casey Att Warrington 19 Castiletord 14 Warrington Wolves: Tries: Koha-Love 2, Briers, Knot. Goat: Briers. Dropped goal: Briers, Castelledord Tigens; Tries: Daves, Ea-gar, Gay. Goat: Orr Att: 4,738

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Wildnes Vildinge; Tries: Cassidy 2. Devec-chi, Mansson, Marrin, Salesbury Goale; Salisbury 6 Barrow Braves: Tries: Libon, Whitehead Goale: Hot 4 Att 2,224 Workington 28 York Workington Town: Tries: Amistrong, Ar-nold, Forber, Jerlyns, Woodcock, Goele Close 3 York: Triest Benn, Edwards, Sru Goel: Benn, Att: 904 P W D L F 5 4 1 0 75 6 4 0 1 141 5 4 0 1 112 5 3 0 2 87 5 3 0 2 118 5 3 0 2 84 5 3 0 2 84 Hull KR Hunslet Leigh Batley Dewsbury York Widness Lancastere L Workerstone Whitehaven Kaightey Barrow Doncaster Oldhern 5 1 0 4 85 96 5 1 0 4 62 84 5 1 0 4 84 115

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE:

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Third round: Perremette 0 Sydney Cay 11; Balman 26 North Queenstand 18, Cronulla 28 South Sydney 12, Canberra 14 St George Nowarra 16. **SCHOOLS SPORT** 

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#### Lloyds TSB Five Nations Championship 21. France England 21 France England: Peop: Wildneson 7 Fran Comba. Con: Castagnede. Castagnede. HT: 9-0. (Played at Twickenham) Scotland 30 Ireland Played at Munayfield) International Match

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Chethenham and Gloucester Cup Semi-finals Bedford 27 Newcastle 27 Bedford: Tries: Forsier 2, Davies, Whet-stone, Coos: Yepp 2, Pen: Yapp. Newcas-tle: Tides: Why, J. Naylor, Wood. Conce An-drew 3 Pens: Andrew 2 HT: 15-10. Att. 2,489. 2,489.

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Boroughmair: Tries: Calvin Howarth 2, M Murray Const: Calvin Howarth 2 Pent Calvin Howarth. Curriet Tries: Cark 2, Watl. Cont Barrett. Att: 325. Stirling County 19 Word Scotland 24 Starting County: Tries: Barr, Lewis. Perss: Maller 3. West of Scotland: Tries: N Crag. Henderson, Williammson. Cons: Curts 3 Pen: Curts HT: 10-24.

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Mine, Pearson, J Petrie, Robertson, Romanowski Const. J Newton 8 HT: 13-26. Aberdeen GSFP: Try: perelty by. Cont Oddy Pen: Oddy Selkin: Pens: Blar 5. HT: 10-6 Third division Third division 42 Stewarts Mel FP 24 Gordonlans: These Hamson 2, Crozer, Fistcher, Richards. Cones K Williams 4 Pens: K Williams 3 Stewarts Mel FP: Triese C Capatdi, Foster, Morley, Theed Cons: Threed 2 HT: 29-0

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SWIMMHING: Speedo International (at Cranny Pool, Galwey). Boyer Senior: Free-style: 100er. E. Sincial: (Millield School, Street, Engl S2 11sec. 200er. M Bree (Campbell College, Bellast). 20.5 40 new record). 100m breastatroler: S Section (Adwick School, Donasster). 1min 04.075ac. (New record). Backstroler: 100er. M Reidy (St. Johns, Dubin). 57.28. 20therfly: 100er. D Bernett (Timity School, Croydon). 55.03 new record). Medicy relay: 4 x 50m: England 1.45.91. Freestyle: relay: 4 x 50m: England 1.45.91. Freestyle: relay: 4 x 50m: England 1.00er. D O'Bren (Ramhil H S Prescott). 52.78. 200er. S Mankey (St. Conteins College, Dubin). 20.9 51. Breastyle: 100m: 10.594. Breastyle: 10.594. Breastyle: 10.594. Breas WOMENS INTERNATIONAL: England La-dies 13 France Larkes 8, England Lardies A 31 Emerging England Lad 3 A INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Friday: England 24 France 21, haly 24 Wales 23, Scotland 31 Ireland 21 UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: England 26 France 30, Italy 19 Wales 78, Scotland 13 Instand 22 13 Internot 22 SUPER 12: Auckland: Auckland Blues 12 Gusenstand 12: Johannenburg: Golden Calls 28 Otago Hightlanders 29: Sydney: New South Wates 39 Northern Bulls 23

FOOTBALL: Incividual Schools Trophy: Under-16 quarter-final: Torport (Conwell) 2 Evestern (Morosstershre) 0 Heinz Ketchup Trophy: Semi-final: South Notis: D Reaching 0 (set). Heinz Ketchup Cup: Kingsdown (Swinchin) 3 Si Thomes, The Apostle (London) 2 (set), Tottington (Bury) 0 Cardinal Heenen (Liverpool) 0 (set). Lancastilive Cup: Quarter-final: Bladchum with 11-10 on pens). Merseyalda Cup: Liverpool 0 Chester 0 MEN Trophy: Semi-final: Stockport 2 Bury 1. Northern Mest Leegue: Tamesade 0 Bolon 6. West Miclands Leegue: Wolverhampton 4 West Bromwich 0 Levon Yeless Trophy: Quarter-final: Connock 0 Wyre Forest 0 (set, Cannock with 5-4 on pens) Goodhand Trophy: Garrise 190 Dertry (J. Hut 2 Marsheld 1 Inder Association: Notingham 1 Sheffield 2, Carliste 2 Newcasile 2, Blackpool 1 Manchester 3.

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#### GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY FOOTBALL

-Juck-off 7:30 unless stated . Nationwide Conference -Hednestord v Chettenham (7 45) ....... UNUBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: DR MARTENS LEASUE: Southern division: Cheknslord v Ficel T. RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Department and Fasterdge v Dukach First division: History v Whyteleale

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PONTEN'S LEAGUE: Premier division:
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v Checkerhett (\* 2.0) Langue Gupt Sensipaid: Transport v Rochester (\* 7, 19) · ESSEX SENSOR LEAGUE: Herry Fisher \*\*Hemoriel Trophy: Sensi-finel, first legs Books: v block

OTHER SPORT HOCKEY: Boys' International tourna-pount fol WIS, Carda'i Under-18: retard v Folung (11:30): Wates v Spotiant (3:30). Under-16: Forgand v Ireand (9:30): Wates of Cardinal III

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TOMORROW FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Bernstey v Bristol City (7:45): Port Vale v
Genstey (7:45): Second division: Bristol
Rovers v Wycombe (7:45). Luton v Reading
(7:45): Third division: Daringion v Carlisle
(7:45): Securinope v Swensea (7:30).

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD:
Morthern section: Final, second legiWindscreen (0) v Wigen (2) (7:45).

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Hereford v
William (7:45); Leek v Rushden and Damonds (7:45); Yeovi v Southport (7:45).

RUGBY UNION WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Portypridd v Brogend (7.15). First division: Cross Keys v Durwent (7.0); Meastey v South Wales Police (7.0); Tondu UMMC (7.0), Tredegar v Portypool (7.0); Treorchy v Blackwood (7.0). OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters (in Co Kilders) SQUASH: British Open (in Birminghem). WEDNESDAY . FOOTBALL . NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Huddensield v Norwich (7.45).

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Forest

SCOTTISH EEAGUE: First division: Ham-iton v Ayr (7.45); Cyclebank v Greenock Morton (7.45). OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budwelser Laegue: Der-by Storm v Worthing Bears (8.0); Newcastle Eagles v London Towers (7.0), Themes Val-ley Tigats v Manchester Glanta (8.0). RUGBY UNION AIB LEAGUE: Second division: Dungan non v Malone (7.0). RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Primiter division: West Hull v Beverley East Hull (7:30). THURSDAY RÜGBY LEAGUE NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Roch date v Kalgfiley (7.30). OTHER SPORT

KCE HOCKEY; Sekonda play-off championship: Group A: Bracknell Bess v Sheliald Steelers (7.90). Group B: Cardill Devils v Notlingham Penthers (7.30). FRIDAY FOOTBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quality-ing group sever; Portogs v Azerbajen. EUROPEAN. UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Qualifying group three: N ireland v Germany, Qualifying group five: England v Poland (at The Del, 7.45). Qualifying group eight: FIR Macadonia v Ireland. MATIONNIDE, LEAGUE: First division: Shaffield that v Oxford Utd (7.45); Transere v Creue (7.45). Third division: Exists v Delington (7.45); Halfies v Leyton Open (7.45); Scarborough v Rochdale, Shrewsburv v Scarborough v Rochdale, Shrewsbury v Cambridge Utd (7.45): Southend v Hutl (7.45):

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RUGBY LEAGUE NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Hull KR v Bramley (8.0). ··· SATURDAY FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualitying group one: Belenus v Switzefand

(4:30), Denmark v zaly (8:16). Qualitying
group two: Georgia v Slovenis (4:0),
Greepa v Noway (5:30) Qualitying group
threse Northern Ireland v Germany (3:0);
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four. Andona v Iosiand (6:0), Amania v Russiz (4:0); France v Ulugime (7:45) Qualitying group five: England v Poland (3:0),
Sweden v Lucembourg (2:0). Qualitying group sevenis Hungary v Lecturistem

(8:30), Romens v Stovicta (6:30). Qualitying group sevenis Hungary v Lecturistem

(7:0), Yugotavia v Croata (7:0). Qualitying
group name Czech Republic v Lithians

(3:30), Scotland v Beense-Herzegovina (al
brick, 3:0).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Qualitying group intrie: Scottard v Boonia-Herzegovina (at St Mirren, 12.0).

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bury v Sanderland (3.0) Second division: Bury v Sanderland (3.0) Second division: Bournemouth v Colcivester (12.0); Bristol Rovies v Notes County (3.0); Creatorisid v Blacicool (3.0), Luton v Gätingham (11.30), Milwall v Wrednam (12.0), Preston v North-ampton (3.0), Headind v Marchester Chy (1.0); Walsalt v Fuham (3.0), Wicen v Stoke (3.0), Wycombe v Oldham (1.0). Third divi-etone Brighton v Barnel (3.0); Corg v Car-latin (3.0); Chester v Plymouth (3.0); Rother-ham v Scunthorpe (12.30); Torquey v Hartis-pool (12.0) NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Barrow v

pool (120) MATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Barrow v Kiddeminster (3.0), Dover v Morecambe (1.0); Keitering v Rushder and Diamonds (3.0); Tellord v Parmborbugh (3.0); Woleng v Hednestord (3.0); Yeovi v Hayes (3.0) **RUGBY UNION** Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

ALLED DENIBAR PREMITERSHIP: Final division: Bedford v Gloucester, Harlequins v Richmond; Lacoster v Waster, London rish v London Scribsh Northampton v Nau-caste Second division: Blackheath v Orasi, Ender v Wakdiekt, Fide v Coverny, London Westh v Bratol, Rugby v Rotherham, Waterloo v Moseley. 

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ICE HOCKEY: Selconds play-off champi-onship: Group A: Bracknet Bees v London
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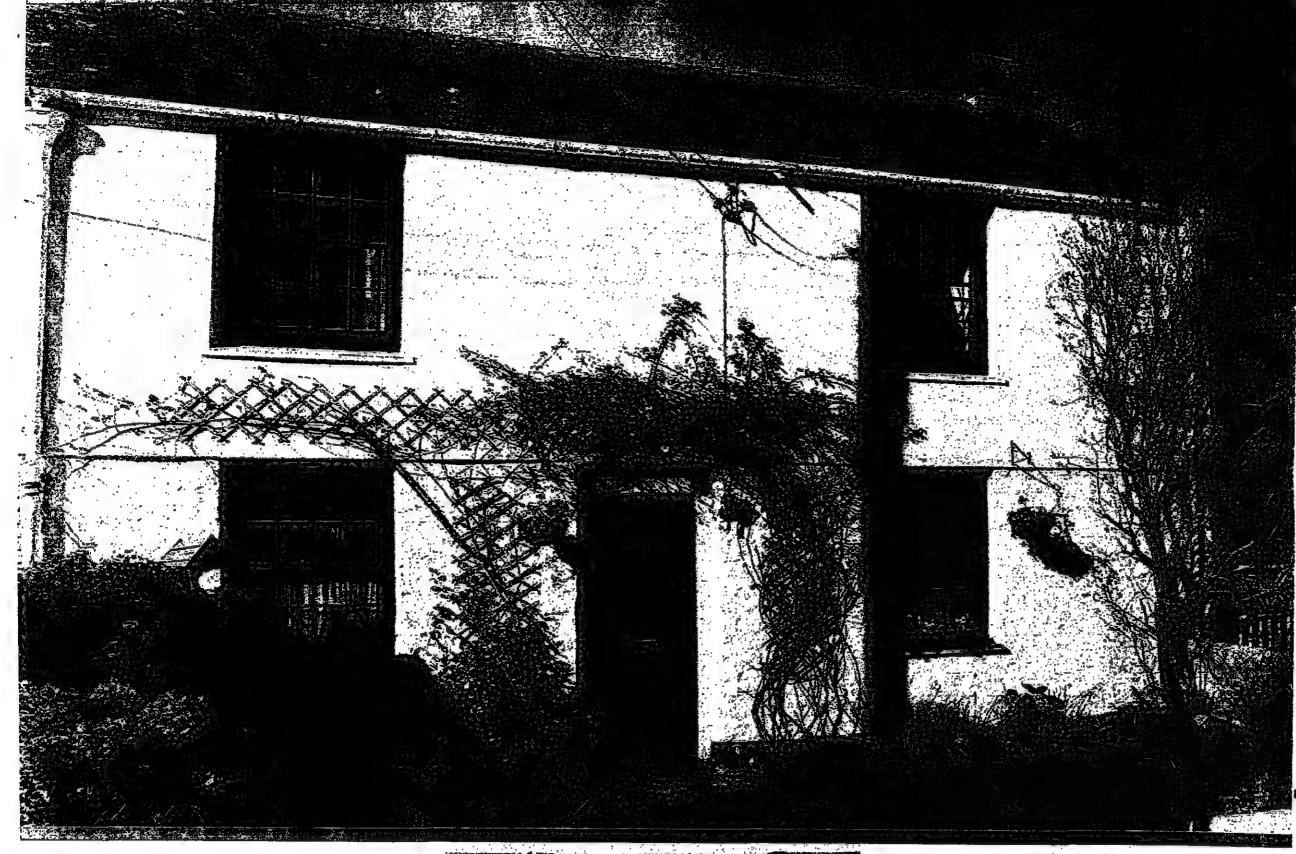
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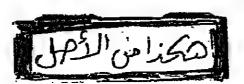
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## Waiver of legal privilege is limited

Paragon Finance ple (former-ly known as National Home Loans Corporation ple) and Others v Freshfields (a Firm) Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Brooke and Lord Justice Chadwick

[Judgment March 11] Where a client brought proceed-ings against his former solicitors for negligence in the handling of a commercial transaction between himself and a third party, the cliem's waiver of legal professional privilege, implied from his bringing the proceedings, did not extend to confidential communications between himself and different solicitors instructed to pursue and settle his claim against the third party.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Paragon Finance plc, formerly known as National Home Loans known as National Home Loans Corporation plc, Collateralised Mortgage Securities (No 4) plc, Col-lateralised Mortgage Securities (No 5) plc, Collateralised Mortgage Securities (No 6) plc, Collateralised Mortgage Securities (No 7) plc, Col-lateralised Mortgage Securities lateralised Mortgage Securities (No.8) ple and Collateralised Mortgage Securities (No 9) pk, from Mr Justice Buckley who, on a sum-mons by the defendants, Freshfields, had ordered disclosure of certain documents, being confidential communications between the plaintiffs and their later solicitors, Slaughter & May, and counsel con-cerning their claims against Insurers and the pursuit and settlement

Freshfields had acted for the plaintiffs in a series of mortgage security transactions and in the obtaining of related insurance contracts. When the insurers declined to meet claims made by the plain-tiffs allegedly under the policies, Freshfields, although mittally advising, withdrew and Slaughter & May acted for the plaintiffs in pursuing and senting the claims.

The plaintiffs subsequently began a negligence action against Presidents, claiming, inter alia, the costs of the negonations and of the proceedings, the shortfall sufferred in recovery under the policies and the fees charged by Slaughter & May in effecting the recovery and in restructuring the CMS com-

Freshfields strongly denied the allegations, contested causation and loss, and alleged failure to mitgate and contributory negligence. Mr Stewart Boyd, QC and Mr Charles Hollander for the plain-tiffs; Mr Simon Browne-Wilkin-

Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson,

made a voluntary payment to the bank, thereby reducing the compa-

ny's outstanding liability and extin-

guishing the guarantee to the ad-

vantage of the co-guarantor, he

was entitled to a contribution from

the co-guarantor, nonvirbatanding

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er's knowledge and prior consent

and in the absence of a written de-

mand by the bank as required by

The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, John An-

derson Smith, against the judg-

ment of Mr Recorder Hall at

Brighton County Court on January

28, 1998, in favour of the plaintiff.

Stimpson v Smith

son, QC and Mr Bankim Thanki for Freshfields

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the judgment of the court, said that the judge had concluded that there was no real distinction between the situation in which the solicitor sued had acted for the client in a number of different trans-actions previously and the situa-tion in which he had acted in some transactions and a different solicitor in others.

its Lordship referred to the judge's view that legal professional privilege was not significantly undermined by holding that the implied waiver arising from a client's suit against his lawyer for professional negligence extended to any privileged communications touching the transaction which gave rise to the negligence charge and which were relevant to the just determinawere relevant to the just determination of issues between them.

The plaintiffs criticised the decision as contrary to principle and to

The defendants upheld it, drawing an analogy between express and implied waiver. They said that just as a party could not cherry-pick by expressly waiving privilege in part of a document and asserting it in relation to another part, so a party who sued his solicitor alleging negligence in relation to a given transaction impliedly waived privilege not only in relation to communications between him and the solicitor sued but also in relational transactions. him and any other solicitor be might have instructed in relation to the same transaction.

His Lordship said that the nature and basis of legal professional privilege had been often and au-thoritatively expounded: see R v Derby Magistrates' Court. Exparte B (1996) AC 487). At its root lay the obligation of confidence which a legal adviser owed to his client in relation to any confidenpassing between them.

For readily intelligible reasons ublic policy, the law had accorded to such communications a degree of protection denied to commutween clients and other profession-

Save where client and legal adviser had abused their confidential relationship to facilitate crime or fraud, the protection was absolute unless the client, whose privilege it was, waived it expressly or implied-

A client expressly waived privilege when he elected to disclose communications which the privi-

£10,000 and £5,786 costs.

ties of the company up to a maxi-

The company exceeded its over-draft limit and, in December 1991,

the bank required the company to reduce the overtiraft. Under an

oral agreement negotiated between

the plaintiff and the bank, the plaintiff arranged for his shares to be sold and paid the bank £20,000 to reduce the overdraft. Both the plaintiff and the defendant were

thereby released from liability un-

ing up of the company in 1994 and its dissolution in 1996, the plaintiff

sought a contribution of £10,000 from the defendant and in due

ring the compulsory wind-

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mum of £25,000.

lege would entitle him not to dis-close. While there was no rule that a party who waived privilege in re-lation to one communication was taken to waive it in relation to all. he might not waive it in such a par-tial and selective manner that unfairness or misunderstanding might result.

When a client sued a solicitor who had formerly acted for him complaining of negligence he invit-ed the court to adjudicate on questions directly arising from the confi-dential relationship formerly sub-sisting between them. Since pourt proceedings were public, the client brought that formerly confidential relationship into the public do-

He thereby waived any right to claim the protection of privilege in relation to any communication be-tween them so far as necessary for

the just determination of his claim.
That was an implication of law,
the rationale of which was plain. A
party could not deliberately subject a relationship to public scrusiny and at the same time seek to preserve its confidentiality.

He could not pick and choose, disclosing such incidents of the relationship as attransformed his

lationship as strengthened his scrutiny those as weakened it. He could not attack his former solicitor and deny him the use of materials relevant to his defence. But since the implied waiver ap-plied to communications between client and solicitor it would cover no communication to which the solicitor was not privy and so would disclose to the solicitor nothing of

which he was not already aware.

By bringing the proceedings the
plaintiffs had impliedly waived
any claim to privilege in relation to
confidential communications between them and Freshfields concerning the transactions up to the cerning the transactions up to the moment Freshfields had ceased to act. That was not in issue.

The question was whether the plaintiffs had also impliedly waived any such claim in relation tween them and Slaughter & May relating to the pursuit and settlement of claims arising from those transactions. Approaching that question as one of pure principles the court concluded that they had

They had not sued Slaughter & May, had not invited the court to May had not invited the court to adjudicate on any question arising from their confidential relationship with them and so had not brought that relationship into the public domain. They had done nothing to release Slaughter & May from the obligation of confi-

Joint guarantor entitled to contribution

lationship with Freshfields, not that with Slaughter & May, to pub-lic scrutiny. They were not seeking to pick and choose among confiden-tial communications passing be-tween themselves and Slaughter & May: none was, so far, in the foren-

It was open to Freshfields by way of defence to rely on any communication passing between them-selves and the plaintiffs. To hold that the plaintiffs had impliedly waived privilege in relation to con-fidential communications. fidential communications between themselves and Slaughter & May would be, not to enable Freshfields to rely on communications of which they were already aware, but to disclose to them communications of which they now had no

The plaintiffs were correct in submitting that the judge's conclusion was monaistent with the principles governing implied waiver of legal professional privilege.

It had, however, to be tested against the decided cases. His Lordship referred to Lilliance a Medical

ship referred to Lillicrap v Nalde and Son ([1993] 1 WLR 94, 101, 102) where the Court of Appeal had ruled that the plaintiffs implied waiver extended to earlier transactions handled for them by the same

Both sides had relied on that decision: Freshfields for the refer es to justice and fairness, contending that those considerations provided the correct test.

But that language could not be read without some limitation, oth-erwise legal professional privilege would disappear altogether, even as between plaintiffs and solicitors advising them in their proceedings against former solicitors, where the interests of justice called for dis-

The court's ruling in Ullicrap had to be read with reference to the subject matter of the appeal before it. The present court had no doubt It had been right to rule as it did. It was not understood to have gone further than that, and it was unnec essary for it to have done so. His Lordship referred to Neder-

landse Reassurantie Groep Hold-ing NV v Bacon and Woodrow (1995] I All ER 976) and to Banque Brioxelles Lambert SA v Simmons 8 Simmons (unreported, November 23, 1995) where Mr Justice Colman and Mr Justice Blackburne re-spectively had considered Lillicrup and correctly explained the princi-ple on which implied waiver rest-

No assistance was gained from Muller v Linsley and Mortimer

It was plain that the company

had been required by the bank in December 1991 to make an immedi-

are payment of at least part of its debt by the demand for a reduction

in the overdraft, and that the bank

had the immediate right to serve a

([1990] 1 PNLR 74] from which no principle relevant to the present is-sue could be derived.

If the question were one of balancing the requirements of fair-ness and justice against any legitimate interest a plaintiff might have in maintaining the confidentiality of a confidential relationship there might be much to be said for the result reached by Mrs Justice Ebs-worth in Kershaw v Whelan (1996)

I WLR 358, 370). But Ex parte B [[1996] AC 467] made it plain that in the context of legal professional privilege no such balance was involved.

That authority was important not only for its clear restatement of principle but also as illustrating in

graphic terms the all but absolute nature of that privilege in the absence of waiver, if ever there was a case in which the interests of justice militated in favour of disclosure, that surely was it. Neither party had sought to con-tend that Hayes v Dowding (1996)

PNLR 578) was correctly decided and the court was satisfied that it was not. That decision had to be In X Corporation Ltd v Y (unre

ported, May 16, 1997) Mr Justice Moore-Bick had concluded that the documents in question were not relevant to any issue in the action and that was a conclusive answer to the application before him. But he would appear to have ac-cepted that privilege might be tak-en to be waived if it would be un-

doubt on the principles which his Lordship had stated and that was

the only authority on implied waiver binding on the present court.

The court remained of the clear

opinion that those were the princi-ples which governed the matter and was fortified in its view by the

clear statements of principle in the cases of Nederlandse Reassurantie

Groep and Banque Bruxelles Lam-

tribution and no reason why the

contribution should not arise on the payment notwithstanding the

Of course payment of the guar-anteed debt without the prior con-

sent of the co-guarantor or a court order imposing liability on the co-

guaranter to pay a contribution

did not shut out the co-guarantor

from arguing that the payment

no contribution should be re-

quired. The paying co-guarantor in those circumstances took the risk that it might be established

On the facts, it was impossible

untary. In fact he did well for the

to accept that the payment made by the plaintiff was officious or vol-

fair to allow a client to maintain it. If that was a correct reading of his decision he went too far, Pairness was an Important part of the reason why a solicitor who was sued could not be required to respect the confidentiality of his re-lationship with the client who was

suing him; but, save as between the client and the solicitor he was suing, fairness was not the touch-stone by which it was determined whether a client had or had not impliedly waived his privilege.
Plainly the authorities did not speak with one voice. There was, however, nothing in Lillicrap, properly understood, which threw

Section 10 provides:

Mr Peter Prescott, QC, for Enter-prises; Mr Richard Meade for Mr

WALKER said that on January 26, 1989 Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc of Memphis, Tennessee, made three applications to register trade marks under the Trade Marks Act 1938, as amended by the Trade Marks (Amendment) Act 1984.

1371627 ELVIS 1371637 ELVIS PRESLEY All three applications were for

### Elvis Presley name not sufficiently distinctive

In re Elvis Presley Enterprises lac

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown. Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Robert Walker

Judgment March 12 The name of Elvis Presley was not "distinctive mark" so as to be reg-Trade Marks Act 1938.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by Eivis Presley Enter-prises Ine from Mr Justice Laddie who had upheld grounds of opposi-tion by Mr Sid Shaw to Enterprises's applications for registration of trade marks.

The 1938 Act had been replaced by the Trade Marks Act 1994, but under the transitional provisions 1938 Act continued to apply to pend-ing applications for registration. Section 9 of the 1938 Act, as

mended by the 1984 Act, provides: "(I) In order for a trade mark ... to be registrable ... it must contain or consist of at least one of the following essential particulars ... (b) the signature of the applicant ... (e) any other distinctive mark, but a name, signature, or word or words, other than such as fall within the descriptions in the foregoing paragraphs ... shall not be registra-ble under the provisions of this paragraph except upon evidence of its

"(2) For the purposes of this section 'distinctive' means adapted ... to distinguish goods with which the proprietor of the trade mark is ... connected ... from goods in the case of which no such connections

trade is adapted to distinguish as aforesald the tribunal may have regard to the extent to which - (a) the trade mark is inherently adapted to distinguish as aforesaid; and (b) by reason of the use of the trade mark ... the trade mark is in fact adapted to distinguish as afore-said."

"(I) in order for a trade mark to be registrable ... It must be capable, in relation to the goods in respect of which it is registered or proposed to be registered, of distin-guishing goods with which the pro-prietor of the trade mark is or may connected in the course of trade from goods in the case of which no such connection subsists..."

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT The numbers of the applications and the three marks applied for

1371624 signature 'Elvis A Pres-

the same specification: "Toilet preparations, perfumes, eau de coand teeth; soaps, bath and shower preparations; deodorants, antinerspirants and ensmetics; all included in Class 3."

The applications survived their Office and were advertised in The Trade Marks Journal on different dates between March and May

On December 27, 1991 notices of opposition to all three applications were put in by Mr Sid Shaw, who traded as "Elvisly Yours" and was registered proprietor of that trade mark for a wide range of goods in Class 3. The notices stated six grounds of opposition, including lack of distinctiveness and conflict

The registrar, as hearing officer, in a written decision dated January 31, 1996 found that the grounds of ition were not made out, and he did not think it appropriate to ex-ercise his discretion to refuse regis-tration. The judge allowed Mr

Shaw's appeal. Mr Prescott conceded that his case on use under section 9(3)(b) was not going to get him home if he could not make out his case on inherent distinctivenes

Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi in 1935 and died in Memphis, Tennessee in 1977. He gained great fame and riches as a rock and roll singer and starred in

His fame had endured since his eath and there were still devoted fans of his in many parts of the world. His house in Memphis, called Graciland, was still a place of pilgrimage for his fans, and there they could buy a wide range of souvenits.

phis and it ran Graceland. It carried on merchandising activities previously carried on by or on be-half of Elvis Presley. For the last 20 years Mr Shaw's

activities had centred on Elvis Pres-ley. Mr Shaw traded through a company named Elvisly Yours Ltd but he personally was the regis-tered proprietor of the trade mark Elvisty Yours, which was regis-tered for a wide range of goods in Class 3, but limited, as the applications by Enterprises were not to

goods relating to Elvis Presley. The judge had observed: "Al-though Mr Shaw has sold millions of pounds worth of memorabilia bearing the name of Elvis or Elvis Presicy over the last 18 or so years. it has not been suggested that any-one has ever thought they emanat-

ed from Enterprises."
In relation to all three applications the judge allowed the appeals on grounds related to distinctive-ness or capability of distinguishing under sections 9 and 10 of the 1938

He said: "The distinctiveness addressed by the Act is not a quality of the mark which exists in a vacuum. It is a particular type of distinc-tiveness, namely the ability to disfrom the same or similar goods

"The more a proposed mark alludes to the character, quality or non-origin attributes of the goods on which it is used or proposed to be used, the lower its inherent dis-

tinctiveness." The judge was right to conclude that the ELVIS mark had very little

### Little mitigation

Regina v Ellingham

to supply it to a person in prison, the defendant's good character was of comparatively little mitigating

Where a defendant was convicted of possession of heroin with intent

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Hooper) so held on January 28 in dismissing an appeal by Wendy Jacqueline Ellingham against a sentence of three years detention in a young offender institution imposed in October 1998 at Doncaster Crown Court (Judge Suicliffe sitting with two justices on her plea of guilty to possession of a class A drug with Intent to sup-

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the gravity of taking drugs into prison had already been em-phasised in the cases of R v Stater ([1998] 2 Cr App R (S) 415) and R v Prince ([1996] I Cr App R (S) 335) and needed no further emphasis

by their Lordships.

inherent distinctiveness. That con clusion was reached by, inter alia, his finding that members of the public purchased Elvis Presley merchandise not because it came from a particular source but be carried the name or image of Elvis Presley.

Indeed the judge came close to finding, although he did not in terms find, that for goods of the sort advertised by Elvisty Yours, or by Enterprises in the United late Elvis Presley was the product. and the article on which the name or image appeared was little more than a vehicle.

The ELVIS PRESLEY mark differed from the ELVIS mark by the addition of a not particularly com-

Had it been almost any other Costelio, it would have made the mark more distinctive in the trade mark sense. But in the present case it simply confirmed the descriptive

character of the mark. In those circumstances the index was hound to come to the same conclusion about the ELVIS PRES-

In relation to the signature mark 'Elvis A Presley' the judge

"Although the registry and the court must start from the premise that signatures are prima facie disunctive, they are not inevitably so ... Someone ... may adopt a signature which consists of his surname spelt out in precise capitals or in a perfect script which is Indistinuishable from, say, Times Roman font. Such writings, though signa-tures, would be indistinguishable from the printed form of the name and ... would not be distinctive."

The example given by the judge was so extreme that the court might simply decline to treat the mark as a signature at all. The 'Elvis A Presley' signature mark was miles away from that, and the judge was wrong to conclude that the signature mark was not distinctive under section 9(1)(b).

However, his Lordship agreed with the judge's alternative ground of decision under sections 11 and 12 tered Elvisly Yours mark was in cursive script with a Greek E which, while more regular and more florid, bore at least some reemblance to the Greek E at the beginning of the 'Elvis A Presley' sig-

The test was whether, if the two rival marks were used in a fair and normal manner, the court was satisfied that there was no reasonable likelihood of deception or confunumber of members of the public.

For that purpose the public was to be regarded as ordinary per-sons, neither specially careful nor specially careless, who would be in the market as possible purchaser of the goods in question. The burden of proof was on the ap for the later registration. Lord Justice Morritt delivered a

concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, concurring, said that in addressing the critical issue of distinctiveness there should be no a priori assumption that only a celeb rity or his successors might ever market, or license the marketing of, his own character, Monopolies should not be so readily created. Solicitors: Eversheds: Cameron

#### Corrections

In G and GB Hewitt Ltd v SA Namur-Assurances du Credit (The Times March 8) counsel for the plaintiff was Mr Timothy Smith. In Muers v Dortex International Ltd (the Times March 18) Mr Tim Horlock, QC and Mr Richard A. Hartley appeared for Myers: Dor-tex did not appeal and was not rep-

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#### ture of a search in cross-examinaof issues. It was improper of him to fication throughout the trial. At the end of his re-examination counsel tion and, in their entirety, so far as pursue a line of questioning which the effect was concerned, impropsmacked of a prosecution cross-exhad conventionally and courteous-

Regina v Wiggan

The same

The opportunity given to a judge to was designed for the clarification

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice And, Mr Justice Forbes and Mr Justice Steel) so stated on February 4 when dismissing an appeal by Joy Louise Wiggan against her convic-tion for violent disorder on February 20, 1998 at Sheffield Crown that the defendant's counsel had

been probing the question of identily asked the judge if he had any

Court (Judge Morrison and a jury). be lurking in the jury's mind. They LORD JUSTICE AULD said

The judge proceeded to ask some 64 questions going to the criti-cal issue of the defendant's presence. These questions were not to clear up uncertainties, to fill gaps, or to answer queries which might

ann's evidence, were more in the na-

the judge had adequately directed the jury on the dangers of mis-recognition. Much as the court deplored the intervention of the judge, given the strong identification evidence, the conviction could not be held to be unsafe.

Judge does not cross-examine were of a testing nature which sug-gested scepticism of the defend-

guarantee without any formal de-

mand being made on either co-

guarantor by the creditor, al-

It was accepted, however, that

Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Lord Justice Puter Gibson, Lord Justice Judge and Lord Justice Tückey

Judgmen March III

Where two guarantors jointly and severally guaranteed a company's debis to a bank and one guarantor made a voluntary payment to the bank and the writing of all liability and severally guaranteed payment to the bank to the guaranteed payment to the ba demand on the co-guarantors or ei-ther of them to meet their liabilities The defendant appealed on the ground that no liability to contribute arose without a formal demand under the guarantee at the time the having been made by the bank. plaintiff negotiated the release of the guarantee and the payment by Mr Lawrence Caun for the dehim of £20,000. fendant Mr Clifford Darton for the plaintiff.

Michael Harbourne Stimpson, for course he issued proceedings in the mand was provided for under the ascertaining the amount of the con-

guarantee.

Provisions in a guarantee that there should be a demand made by LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBthe creditor on the guarantor were SON said that the appeal raised clearly for the benefit of the guaran-tor alone and could be waived by the question whether one co-guarantor of a debt could recover a conthe guarantor, who was not bound to wait for a demand before paytribution from another co-guarantor where the first co-guarantor had paid the creditor part of that ing: see Thomas v Nottingha corporated Football Club Ltd debt in securing the release of the ([1972] Ch 596).

Mr Caun submitted that the position was different where there were co-guarantors under the guarantee and he pointed out that the defendant knew nothing of what was going on.

But the plaintiff and defendant guaranteed the company's liabili-ies jointly and severally. It was not in dispute that the bank had the right to go against either of them without notifying the other. In those circumstances it was impossible to say that one co-guarantor alone did not have the right to waive the procedural or evidentiary requirement of service of a written demand, which was includ-

# against their liability.

ed in the guarantee for his benefit. Where, as here, the guarantor paid £20,000 in circumstances where the debt immediately owed by the company greatly exceeded the £25,000 limit of the guarantee and the guarantee was extin-guished, there was no problem in

## Scots Law Report March 22 1999 Outer House Cross-examining volunteered statement

Barryv News Group Newspa-

pers Ltd Before Lord Nimmo Smith Judgment December 18

A priest who alleged that he had been defamed by claims that he had spent nights with a woman, and who in evidence volunteered the statement that he had never broken his vow of chastity, notwithstanding the fact that it was unnecessary for him to do so since that was not strictly the issue, could neverthéless be cross-examined as to the truth of his statement; not because in cross-examination of the pursuer in an action of defamation, open scason could be declared on his past life, but because elementary lairness required that if a win-ness, whose credibility was otherwise in issue, made a statement of fact, he should be open to chal-

lenge on that statement. Lord Nimmo Smith, sitting with a jury in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, repelling an objection by counsel for Father Noel Barry and Mrs Annie Kerr Clinton to a proposed line of crossexamination of Father Barry by counsel for News Group Newspa-pers Ltd in an action of damages

Mr Paul Cullen. QC and Mr Ro-

nald Clancy for the pursuers; Mr Neil Davidson, QC and Mr Alistair Clark for the defenders. LORD NIMMO SMITH said

that counsel for the defenders had asked Father Barry: "If I were to suggest that you had had sexual re-lations with another woman, what would your answer he?" At that point objection had been taken to the line of cross-examination.

One of the issues before the jury was whether the defenders had falsely and calumniously or truthfully stated that Pather Barry had spent nights and weekends with Mrs Clinton at her home during a six-year period. There was accordingly an issue about the truth of certain matters

of fact. Father Barry had given evidence about them and had been cross-examined in a manner that had laid the foundation for leading substantive evidence about them in due course. His credibility had thus been put in issue. Counsel for the defenders justi-

First, he referred to a line of authority summarised in Macphail on Evidence (paragraph 16.05), perparion spont mitting cross-exami acts of unchastity where notice had

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been given: see A v B ((1895) 22 R 402); H v P ((1905) 8 F 232) and C v M (1923 SC I).

However, the present case differed because the defenders were not offering to prove that the pursuers had had a sexual relationship at any time. In an action of defams tion a pursuer necessarily put his character in issue. That did not, however, enable defenders in cross-examination to declare open season on his past life.

The second ground relied on by the defenders was simply that, given that Father Barry had volunteered the statements in question, counsel was entitled to challenge them by way of an attack on his credibility: see King v King ((1841) 4 D 124, 134). His Lordship's view was that, consistently with King, where the

credibility of a witness was in issue, he was open to challenge during the course of cross-examination on the truth of any statement made by him during his evidence. It was necessary to distinguish here the character, in the sense of reputation, of a pursuer in an action of defamation and the credibili-ty of a witness who, in the course of his evidence, made a statement of

If his credibility was in issue in

other respects, it could properly be regarded as relevant to his credibil-ity to explore with him whether a sen to make was true or not. Father Barry need not have made the statements that he had. His Lordship had difficulty with the suggestion that a witness who volunteered a statement which he

mune from cross-examination in a context in which his credibility was otherwise in issue. Any witness who made a statement on oath exposed himself to challenge as to its truthfulness. Elementary fairness required that if such a witness made a statement of fact, he should be open to challenge on that statement. Other-

need not have made should be im-

wise the statement would go un-challenged and would presumably have to be accepted by the jury as Moreover, an effective challenge had to amount to more than putting it to the witness that the statement was untrue. The cross-examiner had to be permitted to challenge the statement by pulling spe-cific instances in which it was said to be untrue.

Law agents: J. & R. A. Robertson, WS. for J. McSparran & Mc-Cormick, Glasgow; Bird Semple.

defendant and himself in securing the extinction of their joint and several liability under the guarantee up to £25,000 by the payment of only £20,000, given that the company could not indemnify them

Lord Justice Judge and Lord Justice Tuckey delivered concurring Solicitors: Dzimitrowicz York, Croydon: Edward Harte & Co.

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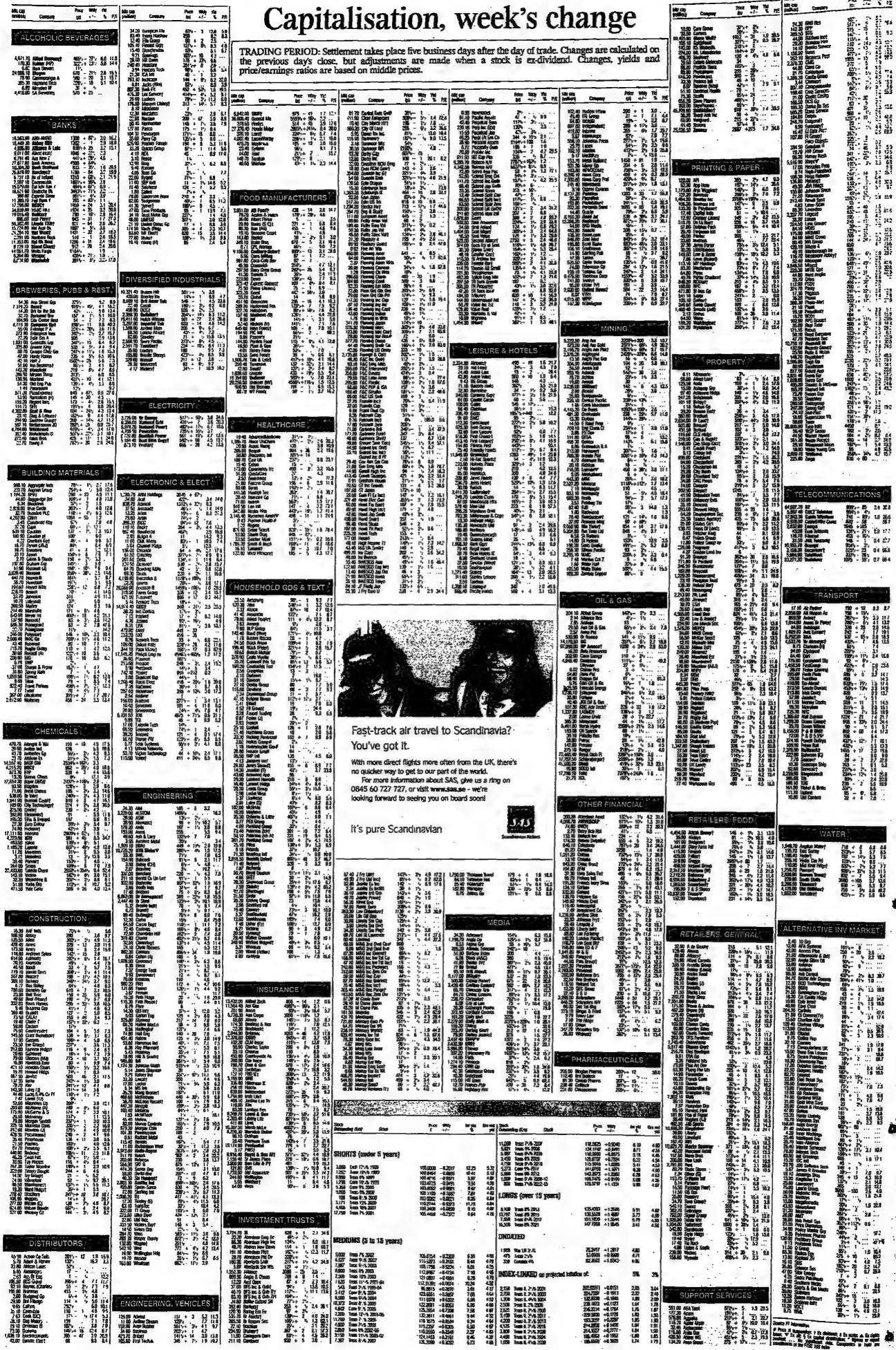
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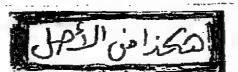
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profits ahead. Final results, due

shake-up designed to simplify its

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performance this time is expected

drop in cruising yields blamed on

the downturn midway through the year on Wall Street.

The other divisions will also have made progress, with the exception of container shipping, where yields remain under pres-

sure, bulk shipping, suffering from overcapacity, and invest-

ment property. Lord Sterling of

Plaistow, the chairman, will no doubt use the results to press the

case of the retention of duty-free.

NEXT: Last week's gloomy retail

figures indicated a further drop in

clothing sales and an increase in

the level of discounting. So brok-

ers will want some positive com-

ments from Next when it reports

However, BT Alex Brown, the

broker, is forecasting a downturn

in pre-tax profits from £176 mil-

lion to £159 million, after costs to-

talling £3 million relating to the

closure of overseas stores. Earnings per share should also be down about 10 per cent at 30.8p. Despite this the broker is opti-

mistic about prospects in the current year and is looking for a re-

Changes made last year to buy-

ing and merchandising proce-dures have already made an im-

pact with sales in the eight weeks

The weak spot remains Next Di-

rectory with sales down 25 per

markets in its consumer and food

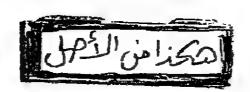
to December 24 up 17 per cent.

covery in the group's fortunes.

final results on Wednesday.

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#### TODAY

leteries: Schroder Ventures International investment Trust. Finais: Alexon Group, Asda Property, A&C Black, Core Group, Flying Rowers, Meristem, Morgan Crucible, Nestor Healthcare Group, Newsquest, Peptide Therapeutics, Roxboro, Transtec, TT Group. Economic statistics: q4 final GDP, q4 balance of payments.

#### TOMORROW

Interious: Allied London Properties, Dowding & Mills, Scottish Metropolitan Properties, Wescol Group. Finals: Capital Industries, Charles Baynes, BLP Group, Boosey & Hawkes, Dawson-group, Delta, EBC Group, Frogmore Estates, Hunting, Iceland Group, Macfarlane Group, Moorepay Group, Newport Holdings, Pegasus Group, P&O, Severfield-Reeve, Sherwood Group, Economic statistics; February consumer price indices.

#### WEDNESDAY

Interines: Barratt Developments. Finals: Alliance UniChem, AG Barr, Brake Bros, Chelsfield, City Centre Restaurants, Darby Group, Fishers International, Flextech, Glynwed International, Independent News, Bernard Matthews, Next, Quality Software, Slough Es-tates, Stanford Rook Holdings, Taylor & Francis Group, Television Corp, Weir Group, Wolstenholme Rink, Economic statistics; January global, February non-EU trade, NTC February cyclical indicators.

#### THURSDAY

Interiors: Belgo Group, Caimgorm Dem Investment Trust, Leicester City, Northern Leisure, Quayle Munro, Scottish Oriental. Finals: Ask Central, COLT Telecom (q4), Informa Group, Kingspan Group, Norcor, Novara, Ottakar's, Premier Oil, Quadrant Healthcare, Silvermines, Singer & Friedlander Group. Economic statistics: British Bankers' Assoclation analysis of February mortgage lending, Confederation of British Industry March Industrial trends survey.

#### FRIDAY

Interiors: none scheduled, Finals: Erness, IS Solutions, Econor statistics: none scheduled.





## P&O sails into calmer waters



Something to declare: Lord Sterling of Plaistow is expected to report a strong performace at P&O's cruise division

service division. Last month it moved closer to completing its corporate restructuring with the sale of most of its metals processing division for £145 million. The group investors that it can deliver value.

is expected to report full-year pretax profits before exceptionals of
two core areas of plastic pipe systement contents. The will have to make clear its strattax profits before exceptionals of
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and £65 million, compared with.

cent in the 21 weeks to December 24. Overall, Next should have outperformed its main rivals. The payout will go up ip to 19p. SG Securities, the broker, expects profits to emerge at £78 mil-**GLYNWED INTERNATIONAL:** lion. BT Alex Brown has pencilled The engineering group is expected in profits of £78.1 million, while Charterhouse Tilney is looking

profits of £78 million to £80 milfor £78 million. lion when final results on are pub-WEIR GROUP: Fresh from its lished on Wernesday. This would compare with a profit of £88.8 mil-lion in 1997. Despite the downturn successful defence of the unwanted 300p a share bid from Flowserve, the US group, this month, the Scottish pump manubrokers expect the dividend to be maintained at 13.2p. Glyrrwed has been radically refacturer unveils annual results on shaping its business and gave Wednesday. Pre-tax profits are exwarning last October of weaker pected to be between £62 million

£60.1 million. Analysts expect a rise in the dividend to between 9.7p and 9.9p compared with 9p. The board must now convince

tems and consumer and food serve aggressive acquisitions policy improducts. Through the utilisation of its cash balances. The group could spend up to £250 million. But, because of the prospect of a further deterioration in manufacturing in 1999, earnings are expected to come un-

Demand for Weir's products has been declining as the low oil price, weak metal prices and the general slowdown in global markets have restricted profits

LUCASVARITY: The British automotive parts group is currently the target of a £4 billion agreed bid from TRW, the US group. The offer closes on Thursday when finai results will no doubt attract only passing interest. The group

million. The previous year it achieved a profit of £329 million. Brokers are forecasting a total dividend of Sp a share, compared with 4.5p last time.

The figures will be largely academic, but analysts will be looking for any signs of weakness in the worldwide automotive markets and gauging how last year's disruption at General Motors affected profitability.

Brokers will also want to establish how the targeted \$200 million of cost savings resulting from the merger will be achieved and whether LucasVarity's aerospace division is to be put up for sale. It could be worth £750 million. Smiths Industries has already expressed an interest.

MORGAN CRUCIBLE: Few surprises are likely when the industrial ceramics group reports fi-nal results today. It issued a profits warning in January, Pre-exceptional pre-tax profits are expected to come in at between £87.5 million and £92 million (£108 million). The total dividend is likely to be held at 15.5p.

The group last week confirmed that it is selling its maintenance. repair and overhaul business for £174 million and outlined plans to buy back shares. It has already indicated that profits should be towards the "better end" of market expectations. Trading since the start of 1999 has been "satisfactory". Some factors that hit profits last year have not persisted.

#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

## Spotlight on prices data

ith the Bank of England seem-ingly still biased towards fur-ther rate cuts, analysts will be closely examining this week's economic data for the kind of weakness that might persuade the Bank to act sooner rather

The inflation data on Tuesday will be more confused than usual because the early Budget means a number of tax rises will kick in earlier than last year. Some of the inflationary effects of the tax rises are, however, expected to be off-set by falling mortgages and the general downwards trend in inflation. As a result, the City anticipates headline inflation to continue to fall to 2.2 per cent while underlying inflation should re-turn to its target level of 2.5 per cent.

Equal attention is likely to be devoted to the Confederation of British Industry March industrial trends survey which is published on Thursday. The minutes from the last Monetary Policy Commit-tee meeting suggest that a slight improvement in survey evidence tipped the balance towards holding rates steady. Analysts will be waiting to see if the im-provement is sustained or whether the renewed climb in the pound suggests the manufacturing sector's recession

still has a long way to run.

Today, the third and final estimate of fourth-quarter GDP is published with significant revisions considered unlike ly. The quarterly growth rate is expected to remain at 0.2 per cent leaving the annual rate at 1.3 per cent. The current account data is likely to attract more attention with the rapid deterioration in the trade balance expected to tip the whole current account into deficit. Analysts are expecting a deficit of £1.2 billion, compared with a third-quarter surplus of £2.3 billion.

The trade figures, which are released on Wednesday, are also expected to signal that the current account should worsen across this year. City analysts are expecting the global January delicit to widen from £2.2 billion to £2.7 billion while the non-EU deficit should narrow only marginally in February to £2 bil-

Abroad, European data is expected to take centre stage. Although the Europe-an Central Bank again decided against a rate cut at its meeting last week, and lysts are still boping that the ECB will cut once the European political situation is a little more stable. Producer prices data published today should show prices registering a fall of 2.5 per cent from the same month last year while the curoland inflation data on Thursday is expected to show inflation unchanged at 0.8 per cent.

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#### SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Clydeport, Eurocopy, Hay & Robertson. The Observer: Bny British Energy, Epwin, Eurocopy; Sell JD Wetherspoon. The Sunday Telegraph: Bay Asda Property Holdings, Europeopy, King-fisher, Wellington Underwriting; Sell Aber-deen Asset Management, Financial Objects. Sunday Express: Buy Compco, Hazlewood Foods, Proteus; Hold Epwin, Sun Life & Provincial, JD Wetherspoon. Sunday Business: Buy Rolls-Royce, Caradon,

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## Poor using alternative bank system

By Alexandra Frean and Karen Wolfson.

"hanking" system based on self-help and thrift is flourishing in the poorest parts of Brit-

ain, a new study has found. The increasingly marginalised band of people who have no bank account, savings or credit cards are being forced to new levels of inventiveness by their continued exclusion from mainstream financial services. A study into financial exclu-

sion, funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, shows that 1.5 million households (7 per cent) make no use of financial services at all and that 4.4 million (20 per cent) use just one or two.

Claire Whyley, co-author of the report, said that while many people who had no bank account still relied on keeping money in jam jars or envelopes as their main form of saving, other systems had been developed to take advantage of new technology.

Many people who have prepayment cards or prepayment meters from gas or electricity companies "save" money by loading up their cards or meters with more cash than they know they will need to cover their immediate bills.

That way, the money will be there to pay future bills, but they cannot spend it in the

Many people hoard money by buying more TV stamps than they actually need. Others allow shild benefit payments to build

THRIVING alternative up before claiming it. Others gave cash to a friend who did have an account to look after it. "The idea of all these things is to ensure that there is no cash left lying around, which they may be tempted to spend," the report said. The study identified five groups of people who have never made any use of financial services: people who have never had a secure job, the elderly (aged 70 and over) who are part of a cash-only generation and young adults, young single mothers and some minority ethnic groups.

Ms Whyley said that, although the number of people
though the number of people

who were financially excluded was falling, those who did not have access to bank and savings accounts were finding life increasingly difficult. "Dealing entirely in cash complicates the process of bill payments, results in charges for cash payments and often increases the costs of basic services, such as fuel."

Ms Whyley said a simple bank account was needed that would not allow an overdraft but would allow people to go into the red for small amounts over a short period without charge.

LINKS Understanding and Comparting Fi-nancial Exclusion, by Flaine Kemp-son and Claire Whyley, Policy Press, Price £12.95.

TOP companies in the entertainment and media sectors have seen a substantial decline in their return on capital invested in recent years despite increasing profit margins, according to a new report. The report by PricewaterhouseCoopers is published to-

day to coincide with a top

communications industry

McDonald's is rumoured to have been looking at Aroma

conference in London. A study of 30 of the largest entertainment and media groups by Brett Savill and John Studley, the consultants, found that between 1995 and 1997 the return on investment capital declined from 10.2 per cent to 8.3 per cent despite profit margins rising by

Returns fall in media sector

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR The consultants say that the sales generated by the capital invested fell by 25 per cent — one dollar of capital in 1995 generated 91 cents of sales compared with only 69 cents

"In manufacturing par-lance, the sector has failed to make its assets sweat," the

#### EXCLUSIVE OFFER Mövenpick hungry for

coffee shop business

BY DOMINIC WALSH

MÖVENPICK, the Swiss hotel and restaurant group, is on the prowl for a coffee shop business in the UK after the collanse of a £9.5 million deal to

acquire the Aroma chain. There were unconfirmed rumours last week that McDonald's, the burger chain, has been casting an eye over Aroma. It would be a change of strategy in the UK for McDon-ald's, which currently operates only under its own brand.

Mövenpick, which owns the Marché restaurant in Victoria, Central London, has instructed its London-based agent, Berkeley Simmons Davis (BSD), to find a fresh takeover target after its withdrawal from the Aroma deal. It is also keen to establish a hotel presence here. Elsewhere, Scottish & Newcas-

tle Retail has boosted to 13 its Espres café chain with the acquisition of ten sites in London from Sofra, the Turkish operator, for an estimated £25 million.

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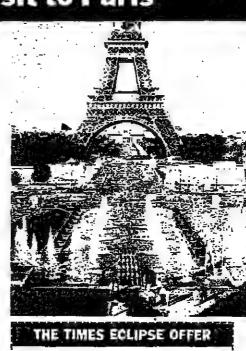
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#### THE FACTS

Market cap: £4,4 billion.
Sales: \$5.88 billion (£4.1 billion) in year to last March.
Operating profit: \$707 mil-

Employees: 48,000.

Overview: World's fourth-largest brewer by volume; 37 breweries in 18 countries, Brands include Castle, Lion and Lech. Southern Africa's biggest soft drinks group. Also has Southern Sun hotel and gaming arm.

#### THE BOARD

Graham Mackay, chief executive since 1996, joined SAB in 1978. He joined the board in 1990, becoming chief operating officer in 1994. Mr Mackay, 49, is also a director of Standard Bank South Africa and Standard Bank Investment Corporation.

The financial director is Nigel Cox, 51. He joined the SAB board in 1990, and was previously managing director of SABI, its international brewing division, also on the board is Malcolm Wyman, 52, corporate firrence and deveropment director.

The non-executive chairman is Meyer Kalm, 59, who has worked for SAB since 1966. He is a former group managing director and has had a previous spell as chairman.

spell as chairman.

There are five divisional directors. Norman Adaml, 44, is managing director of the South African beer division. The SABI group managing director is Gerardus Goedhals, 62. Pater Lloyd, 55, heads up SABI in Europe. The chairman of its beverages arm is Michael Simms, 50, while Ron Stringfellow is chairman of its hotel and scholar division.

gaming division.

The other non-executive directors are Hugh Collum, Sir Robert Fellowes, Micael Levett, Milles Monland, Cyril Ramaphosa, Lord Remvick of Clifton, and Henry Slack.

SOUTH African Breweries is the johnny-come-lately of the FTSE 100, having taken its place in the index only this morning together with Emap, Misys and Energis. Yet while SAB becomes the fourth brewer in the FTSE — joining Bass. Whitbread and Scottish & Newcastle — it is a very different animal compared with its rivals, having no ambitions to estab-

lish a presence in the UK.

SAB, which gained entry to the stock market elite after shifting its main listing from Johannesburg to London this month, is the world's fourth largest brewer by volume, behind Anheuser-Busch. Heineken and Miller. SAB intends to exploit its London listing to finance significant expansion internationally and secure an eventual place in the world's top three.

Although the group has been listed in London for more than a century - indeed, its principal listing moved to Johannesburg only in 1970 - its meteoric rise into the FTSE has put the whole issue of the index's make-up firmly in the spotlight, Billiton, the South African mining group, has been a constituent since 1997, and Old Mutual, the life insurance group, and Anglo American, another mining company, are expected to follow suit shortly. This South African invasion is a coup for London in its battle for global financial supremacy, but it means that the City's tracker funds are having to accept an increasing exposure

to what is an emerging market.
Graham Mackay, SAB chief executive, is sensitive to charges that it has deserted South Africa, but is adamant that it was necessary. "We would have languished in South Africa and lost our growth prospects." he said, "There will be a lot of deals in this industry and we either have to take part or be a

One of the issues that Mr Mackay has had to address in the run-up to the London move is the investment baggage of the past. Johannesburg has long been dominated by big-name players, such as SAB, Anglo American and Gencor which, prevented from investing overseas, took big stakes in each other, making for a notoriously illiquid stock

## CORPORATE REFORMED SANCE



SAB is the world's fourth largest brewer, producing the Castle and Lion beer brands. The latter sponsors the Springbok rugby union World Cup holders, right. A recent share price surge has allayed fears that its FTSE membership might be short-lived, but Graham Mackay, chief executive, left, has a difficult road ahead

market and creating groups with a broad range of investments and businesses. SAB has sought to unwind this situation by selling off non-core businesses ranging from department stores to a shoe manufacturer, but it still has some way to go. It still owns 68 per cent of PGSI, a glass business whose interests include Autoglass, the British windscreen replacement group, although a sale of the stake for about \$200 million

(£120 million) is Imminent.

The sale would leave SAB a much cleaner vehicle from an investment point of view, although Mr Mackay hinted recently that the group may also end up spinning off Southern Sun, its hotel and gaming arm, which operates 75 hotels and

owns the South African rights to the Holiday Inn and Inter-Continental brands. But the cross-investment of the past has left SAB with another legacy. While Anglo American and Johnnic have used the placing to offload their direct share-

holdings, they still have an interest through Bevoon, SAB's higgest shareholder with 28.5 per cent. Last November Goldman Sachs was appointed to sell Bevoon's stake, approaching the likes of Heineken and

"The track record is one of international diversification (with) some degree of success in Africa but a poor record in Central and Eastern Europe. Given the risk that South Africa represents, we think that, at 550p, it iooks 40 to 50 per cent overvalued."

Robert Cumming, chinks analyst, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson
"It's clearly a very good company, and over the last five years it
has grown earnings by 80 per cent, But a UK investor would have
significantly underperformed ... due to the currency situation."

Graham Eadle, drinks analyst, BT Alex Brown

As part of the listing, which raised £200 million in an institutional placing, Bevoon agreed not to sell up before January 2000 without SAB's consent, although the fact that it has failed to strike a deal suggests the price is too high.

There seems little doubt that the company is itself in the market for big acquisitions of its own — a must if it is to retain the interest of the global investment community. The problem is that 76 per cent of its profits are generated in South Africa, with a further 13 per cent coming from sub-Saharan Africa. While SAB dominates its home market, with a 98 per cent market share, the scope for growth is, inevitably, limited — particularly in the light of the coun-

try's recent economic woes, which have seen the rand almost halve in a year. GDP has shrunk from 3.1 per cent in 1997 to just 1.3 per cent last year, and any valuations of SAB relative to its UK peers have been tarnished by the much higher perceived downside. Its near monopoly status has also been the subject of scrutiny by the South African competition authorities, although an investigation into the company an-

nounced in June 1997 has not yet been resolved.

The prospects for growth rest largely with SABL its international brewing arm, which expanded rapidly after the 1994 elections brought South Africa back into the International fold. Last year SABL which has

operations in several African countries as well as Poland. Spain, Hungary, Slovakia. Romania, Russia and China. lifted volumes by 25 per cent. It clearly has faith in the long-term potential of these markets as much of the £200 million raised is to be invested in its Eastern European operations.

But this exposure has left observers divided. On the one hand, SAB's presence in these emerging markets should bring higher growth prospects. Conversely, the risks are also higher, as evidenced by the recent writedown of most of its \$95 million investment in a partially built brewery in Russia because of the deteriorating economy. One area in which SAB excels is in ethical expression. Integrity Works found SAB to be "amongst the best of the companies reviewed so far", giving staff access to an "ethics hotline". Its efforts were recognised by last year's award for corporate governance in South Africa.

Although it is still early days
— and despite widespread City
suppicism — SAB's shares
have made a strong start. frothing from a notional 450p based
on its Johannesburg price to
570p. But this has to be seen in
the context of a dire share performance over the past 12
months, and the short-term
squeeze caused by demand
from tracker funds. But white
the surge has allayed fears that
its FTSE membership might be
short-lived. Graham Mackay
and his colleagues still have a
long and difficult road ahead.

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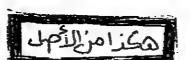
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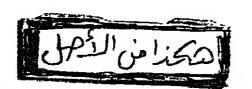
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urosceptics are having a good year. After the softness of the euro on the exchanges came the shock resignation of Oskar Lafontaine and then the mass resignation of the Euro-pean Commissioners. But they should beware. They have now lost some of their best advertisements. It is to the economy that they should now be directing their attention, for Europe is approach-

ing a turning point.

Euroland's consumers are now more confident than they have been for many a long while. Two years ago, consumer spending was barely rising at all, and in the dark days of 1993 and 1994 it actually fell. This year, real incomes are set to rise by some 3 per cent and you could readily envisage consumers increasing their spend-ing at that sort of rate.

So why the anxiety about the European economy and the continued pressure on the ECB to cut interest rates? Because industry is in a very different position. As consumer confidence has risen so business confidence has plummeted. The weakness of international

## Prospects hinge on unemployment

demand after the crisis in East Asia severely hit exports. The economies of euroland are by no means all in the same boat. Some are still growing strongly. But German business has suffered particularly badly, owing to its heavy reliance on exports and its high weighting of manufactures, espe-cially capital goods and big ticket.

consumer goods. Moreover, the very factors that have helped consumer spending have hit business. Real wages have been rising smartly because of the fall in euroland inflation. At the latest count (and new figures are due out this week), inflation across the EU is running at 0.8 per cent. In Ireland, and some of the other fast-growing countries, it is a good deal higher, but in Germa-

ny, it is only 0.2 per cent. Admittedly, some of this remarkable inflation performance is due to the benefits of low commodity prices which reflect pain felt by producers outside Europe. But a good part is a direct result of the pain experienced by European producers, who are now finding it very difficult to raise prices. And to that extent there is trou-

ble in store. Rising real incomes do not necessarily betoken eco-nomic success. Indeed the Depression of the 1930s was accompanied by rising real wages — for those who kept their jobs. In core Europe, real wages are already too high. The fact that they are rising at a time when many companies face serious pressures should be a cause for worry, not celebra-

For companies will adjust to excessive real incomes by reducing employment. It is on this issue that the fate of the euro, and much else besides, will turn. Somehow the gap between the experience of consumers and producers will have to



BOOTLE

European consumers aped their American counterparts and reduced their saving in order to finance a serious spending spree. This could create enough of an increase in domestic demand to offset the weakness of world markets. This might then bolster industrial confidence sufficiently to boost investment spending and to forestall

an increase in unemployment. This might then begin a self-feed-

Recovery could also be boistered by a further weakening of the euro. This would not only improve European trade performance but it would also help to reduce real wages. This would not though, have the same effects on the rest of the world. Indeed, it would simply represent another stage in the game, which has been played by a wide variety of countries since 1992, of passing on uncompetitiveness to someone else - with the US picking up the tab. But as the US corrent account deficit continues to widen and trade tensions increase, this would be an extremely dangerous, and perhaps ultimate ly self-defeating, way for Europe to achieve recovery.

The other way for the gap between the perceptions of consumers and producers to be reduced crease. This would not only represent a way for companies to adapt to weak demand and high costs but it would also eventually rein

in consumer ebullience. But wasn't the advent of the euro supposedly going to launch a series of supply-side improve-ments that would enhance prosperity and create jobs? All along, this argument has been a confi-dence trick. If the euro does indeed succeed in bringing benefits through greater price transparency and an intensification of competition, the short-run effect will be to heighten the difficulties faced by companies and to increase the pressures to shed labour.

Perhaps in the wake of last week's shenanigans, not only will there be a real improvement in the governance of the EU but this will accelerate the pace of reform of the European labour market. The

fact that Europe is so far behind in the reform stakes does give some cause for optimism - the scope for real improvement is enormous. But as experience in Britain, Japan, China and Russia has shown, reform programmes involve an initial period of dislocation during which unemployment is liable to increase sharply.

Perhaps curoland's consumers will continue to increase spending sharply despite all this gloom about employment prospects. That would not only be good for Europe but it would also see Europe doing its bit for the world economy, thereby easing growing trade tensions with the US. For the result would be a significant increase in Europe's imports and a reduction in its large current account surplus, thereby providing the counterpart to the necessary expansion in net exports from East Asia. Let us hope that this is what happens. My suspicion, though, is that rising unemployment will soon dent the European consumer's new-found optimism.

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## Railtrack plans £2bn schemes to cut delays

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RAILTRACK will this week unveil more than £2 billion of new profit-sharing schemes with train companies as part of its plans to cut passenger delays. A £27 billion package of

track and station improvements will mark a shift towards closer links with train operators, with Railtrack being paid according to service

The largest revenue-sharing project will be a £1.5 billion scheme to end congestion on the increasingly overworked London to Edinburgh route. Railtrack will undertake the investment but will take a share in future revenue on the route run by Great North Eastern

Railway. Railtrack is to set out details of its plans to remove bottle-Hitchin and improvements to stations at York, Leeds, Edinburgh and Newcastle.

Railtrack is under heavy pressure from ministers to increase its investment after criticism from Chris Bolt, the Rail Regulator, that it has failed to shrug off its "boring utility" role by taking sufficient risks. The £27 billion spending programme, over ien years, represents a £10 billion increase on

past promises, although it in-cludes money being spent by Railtrack on the 55.4 billion Channel Tunnel rail link.

The company will also announce a range of improvements to provide better services to Britain's major airports, after calls from ministers to develop better public transport

About £200 million is to be pumped into the Stansted airport link with London's Liverpool Street station, offering trains every 15 minutes twice as frequently as at

Lines to Manchester and Birmingham airports will also be improved and new links developed between Heathrow and St Pancras station in North London The London to Brighton

line will receive £150 million of improvements also aimed at easing bottlenecks on the route operated by Connex, the French group. It is expected that these will

include new tracks near Victoria station in London. The proposals will be revealed in Railtrack's 340-page Network Management State-



Lounge leopard: Clive, the feline smoothie fronting a new advertising campaign being launched today for Schweppes

### Big cat's tonic for you know who

By Jason Nissé

CLIVE, a suave leopard who drinks gin and tonic, is to star in a new advertising campaign for Schweppes, the soft

drinks group. The leopard will hold forth on the stresses and strains of life in the Serengeti while cool-ing off in a cocktail lounge, in a campaign devised by Young & Rubicam, the advertising agency, and launched today.

Schweppes, part of Cad-bury Schweppes, hopes that Clive will become as identified with Schweppes as Wil-liam Franklin, who fronted its "Sch . . . you know who" campaign in the 1970s and 1980s. The Clive campaign, which will also run in the US, Australia and New Zealand, uses new technology that makes it appear that the leopard is talking. "It is a pioneering piece of work that is certain to create a huge impact," said Andrew Mann, Schweppes's UK mar-

### One-call service by Scoot

Members of the public who call Scoot, the telephone directory service, to find a plumber or an hotel will no longer have to scrawl down the number and make a second phone call.

Scoot has teamed up with Energis, the telecoms network, to provide a new service that will connect inquirers directly to a suitable business.

Businesses will pay Scoot a fee for each "introduction". Scoot, which has slimmed down its sales force from 300 to 160 in anticipation of the change, will also try to sell them calls through Energis.

Al Fayed denial Mohamed Al Fayed has denied that he has any intention of selling Harrods, the Central London department store - and has threatened to sue anyone suggesting otherwise. He said that Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH, will also deny that his luxury goods company has any designs on Harrods.

La Glacerie gets £1m

La Glacerie, a Kentish icecream maker, has been given a £1 million cash injection by 3i, the venture capital company. The cash will be used to build a 16,500 sq ft ice-cream factory near Ashford, Kent. In the year to June 1998, La Glacerie's profits were up 51 cent to £159,000 on sales up 47 per cent to £959,000.

#### NFF buys rival

ers is the administrator.

Northumbrian Fine Foods has bought its rival, Ideal Bakeries, for £2.1 million. It has bought the assets of Evans Group and Hafren Wholesale, two insolvent companies where PricewaterhouseCoop-

## Sainsbury's switches £1bn of funds

MERCURY Asset Manage-ment, the fund manager owned by Merrill Lynch, has been dealt a massive blow by J Sainsbury, which has completed the withdrawal of £1 billion worth of funds from MAM.

The supermarket group is moving £300 million invested by MAM in UK equities to an ment, due to be published on index fund run by Hermes Liberty Investment Management,

the tracking fund run by the former Post Office pension scheme. The deal brings the amount of money managed for Sainsbury's by Hermes to £600 million.

The agreement completes the rithdrawal of £1 billion of the £1.4 billion Sainsbury's had managed by MAM. What re-mains is divided between fixed interest and global equities.

Geof Pearson, pension manager for Sainsbury's, said that the El billion had been invested in UK equities and that MAM had lost the mandate because its funds had underperformed the market.

The withdrawal was gradual in the hope that the performance would improve, but it didn't," Mr Pearson said. The beneficiaries of the move are not only Hermes but also Legal & General and State Street, the US fund manager. Both are specialists in index-tracker funds. Sainsbury's pension fund is

worth more than £2.5 billion and is now predominantly invested in passive index

tracking funds.

MAM has lost a series of high-profile mandates since by Merrill Lynch for [3.1 billion in November 1997. it was one of the star performers through the late

the fund manager was bought

Eighties and early Nineties but, like rivals such as Phillips & Drew, the fund manag-er, and Gartmore, its bearish stance while the market has been rising has seen its performance suffer.

## Go-ahead expected for Lonmin's £1bn merger

By Jason Nissé

THE European Court is expected to give a green light this week to a El billion merger between Lonmin, the mining company that has just changed its name from Lonrho, and Impala Platinum (Implats), the big

South African metals group.
Plans to bring the two platinum companies together have been on the agenda since the early 1990s, when implats's then owner, Gencor, entered into talks with Lonrho.

HoF looks

at opening

City store

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Square Mile.

The European Commission had ruled that any merger could have created too much concentration in the supply of platinum and pallacium, metals used heavily in the car industry, particularly for catalytic converters.
The Commission later

ruled that Anglo American. the South African conglomerate, had to reduce the 30 per cent share it took in Lourho as the battle to control the

An appeal was lodged against both decisions. The European Court is set to rule this week - though the An-glo ruling is now out of date as Anglo sold its shares back to Lonmin last year.

However, Sir John Craven, chairman of Lonmin, indicated that the company would be exploring the possibility of a deal with Implats if the regula-

# **Opec ministers**

THE City of London, which has the best-paid workforce in the

country but surprisingly few big shops, could at last see a department store opening in its midst. House of Fraser, which opened its latest store at the

Bluewater shopping centre in Kent last week, is talking to at least two property developers about opening a store in the John Coleman, chief executive, said: "We are in talks with a couple of developers and see

the City as one of 25 sites around the country where we'd like to have a store. This comes with the usual health warning about the right site, terms and so on." King Sturges, the property consultant, is acting on behalf

of one developer and has identified a site where it hopes to build a £300 million development containing about 200,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, with room for 20 smaller units as well as a department store, and office space.

## poised to ratify cuts in oil output

By MARTIN BARROW

pare to meet in Vienna tomor-

significant production cuts.
The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries will be asked to seal an accord reached earlier this month in The Hague for a supply cut of 1.7 million barrels per day (bpd). Non-Opec suppliers have also pledged cuts of almost 290,000 bpd.

Dealers expect the accord to be endorsed by Opec, with some hoping that ministers will be able to extract promises of further production cuts from other Opec nations that have so far refused to assist.

The initial scepticism over the pact made at The Hague may have given way to expectations of higher prices later this year, but oil buyers remain

comfortably protected by stock-

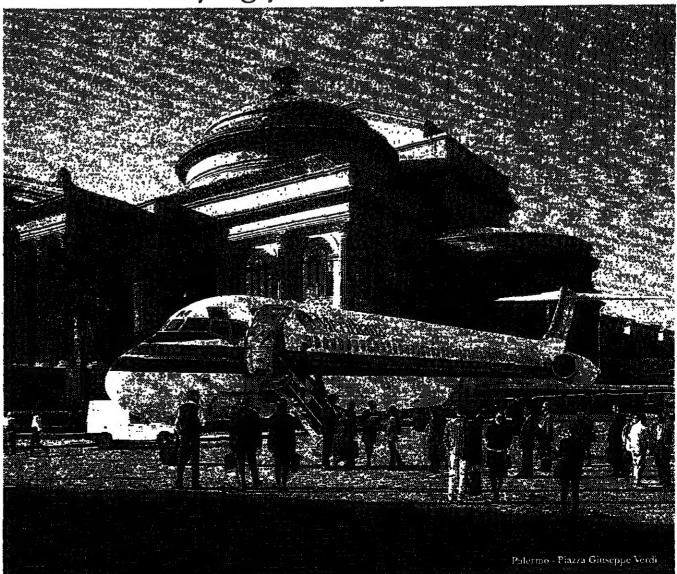
piles. Traders are now looking

OIL markets face a nervous 24 for evidence that restraint will hours as Opec ministers pre- drain a hefty global stock ex-pare to meet in Vienna tomor- cess, estimated to be as high as row to ratify an agreement on 500 million barrels. World markets consume about 75 million barrels per day. In London, the benchmark

Brent futures ended last week at about \$13.36 a barrel, almost 40 per cent above last year's lows of less than \$10. However, prices remain little changed from last year's average of \$13.34, the lowest average for more than 20 years. Low prices are estimated to have cost Opec more than \$50 billion in lost revenue.

The agreement signed in The Hague was led by Saudi Arabia, the world's largest producer, and backed by Algeria and Iran. The Saudis, who produce 8 million bpd, quickly told Far East customers that deliveries would fall by 11 per cent. The deal also involved

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Swampy joins forces with lawyers and insurers

may have feli the full force of environmental protesters such as Swampy trying to block thier construction work by direct action such as runnelling under the sites. But developers these days are more likely to come up against Storm, the mobile-phone wielding co-ordinator of the largest environmental protest

to target commercial property.
The eco warriors at Big Willow Eco Village in South London - otherwise known as the Crystal Palace site of a proposed 20-screen multiplex and leisure box — are pulling no punches. "Screen 1 - Pollunon and Murder. Screen 2 and Greed" Corruption

scream their banners. But though the eco warriors. dug into their tunnels, are get-ting the lion's share of publicity as Bromley council attempts to evict them, it is the unprecedentedly professional local campaign that is worrying developers and sending a warning light to an industry that is hoping to follow government direction and develop on inner city sites.

A world away from the eco warriors, in the rarefied atmosphere of the chambers of Anthony Serivenor, QC, is barris-ter and Bromley resident Philip Kolvin. Mr Kolvin is leading the campaign of "professional resistance" that is taking litigation against the council all the way to the House of Lords.

As a planning barrister Mr

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which lie in Render or Feasance."

tionary upon the morning's vulgus."

grey. Both animals are grey.

FEASANCE

GRADUS

Anna Minton explores a growing trend among environmental protesters to use changes in our legal set-up to fight developers in Middle England

Kolvin is well placed to ferret out every loophole that could block the development. But with 1,500 volunteers working databases and a grid of area co-ordinators and street representatives, it is clear that he is not the only force behind the campaign, which has already taken Brom-

ley to the High Court and the

Court of Appeal.

On top of massive local support - one elderly resident pledged £20,000 at a public meeting — the legal campaign is fronted by another barris-ter. Michael Fordham, currently acting against Augusto Pinochet, and Leigh Day, the firm of solicitors, best known for their campaigns to win compensation for Japanese prisoners of war and their unsuccessful battle for compensation for smokers from Gallaher and Imperial, the tobacco

Last month Leigh Day was in the Court of Appeal again, this time representing the Alliance Against the Birmingham Northern Relief Road. "My job is to shake up complacent public bodies which make decisions people don't like." says Richard Stein, a Leigh Day partner.

But local donations, however generous, would hardly be enough to finance such a high-profile legal team, and

**WORD-WATCHING** 

(a) The doing or execution of a condition, obligation, feudal serv-

ice, etc. And adaptation of the Anglo-French fesance. "Under this

term [Gavel] were comprehended all Socage Services whatsoever

(a) Short for Gradus ad Parnassum "a step to Parnassus", the

Latin title of a dictionary of prosody until recently used in Eng-

lish public schools, intended as an aid in Latin versification, both

by giving the quantities of words and by suggesting poetical epi-

theis and phraseology. Hence applied to later works of similar

plan and object. You can also have a Greek Gradus. Hughes.

Tom Brown, 1857: "The three fell to work with Gradus and die-

(c) An untruth, a lie, an invention. The suggestion that it is a cor-

ruption of fiction is inadmissible. The form coincides curiously

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(b) A carnivorous quadruped of South America, Gallictis vittata, belonging to the family Mustelidae, and thus allied to the glut-

ion and marten. Apparently related to similar words meaning

SOLUTION TO THE WINNING MOVE

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of legal action. "We would nevhere Mr Kolvin reveals his trump card: the Bromley camer have got legal aid, but now the Government has encourpaign has been underwritten aged the insurance market to

pick up the gap left by legal

aid there is a new opportunity

for this type of litigation," he

But just in case the legal

thrust proves insufficient, the

campaign is also targeting

potential occupiers of the site

Last week letters landed on the

desks of cinema operators

from Virgin to UCI making it

clear that, should the scheme

go ahead, the protest, ranging

from a local boycott to demon-

strations outside operator

headquarters, will continue.

Meanwhile, a demonstration

in Trafalgar Square and a

march on Downing Street are

Not surprisingly the strength of feeling has affected

London & Regional, the devel-

oper, which has lost more than

El million as a result of the ju-

dicial review which held up

the granting of detailed per-

supposed to be completed by

O'Donnell, the project manag-

er, hopes to be on site by Sep-

tember, assuming that the

council evictions go according

But although he believes that the £58 million scheme,

which has now received detailed permission, will go

ahead, he accepts that there is

a risk that the campaign may yet succeed. And he adds that had he known at the outset

what he knows now he would

"It's been a very painful

process, for all sides. The cam-

paigners are professional, they're thoughtful and they do

have legal counsel." says Mr

Worryingly for the industry he feels the "professional resist-ance" seen at Crystal Palace is

not unique and will be replicat-

ed around the country. "We're

going to see this again and

again. It will be used to the det-

riment of progress and the im-

plications for property compa-

nies will be cost penalties and

And he's not the only one

who is becoming increasingly concerned. Nigel Smith, chair-

man of the Royal Institution of

Chartered Surveyors' land use

panel says: "We're going to see

more eco-dweebs and middle

class 'I know my rights' people targeting high-profile sites

loss of interest," he says.

have had second thoughts.

March next year. Now, Jim

Initially, the scheme was

planned for next Thursday.

by an insurance company. "A number of insurance companies are now operating in the field of judicial review and one of them was prepared to underwrite a sum relating to our costs; therefore we can afford to take a lot of legal action." he says.

This new breed of insurance companies, described as "first after the event insurers", have sprung up in response to the Access to Justice Bill and the Government's planned reform of legal aid.

ernard Clark, underwriting director at First Legal Indemnity and a lawyer who worked in the BCCI liquidation, believes that, as a result, insurance will be used more and more in all civil litigation cases with limited risk - including those such as Kolvin's which would not have been eligible for legal aid.

He says: "Environmental protesters with a strong case are a good example of a group of people who will now be able to use insurance to assist them with litigation."

Mr Kolvin agrees that it is the recent changes in the insurance market that have enabled his campaign to take this level

CHANGE ON WEEK

**US Dollar** 

1.6292 (-0.0046)

0.6707 (-0.0009)

**Exchange Index** 

102.8 (-0.3)

FT 30 share

FTSE 100

3753.4 (-79.4)

6163.2 (-119.0)

9903.55 (+27.2)

Tokyo Nikkei Avge

16378.78 (+889.92)

New York Dow Jones

THE POUND

Bank of England oficial close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

and becoming a damned nui-sance or local heroes depend-

The whole planning process is pretty negative. This is one more thing developers will have to contend with. If you

Another indication of the inensure that controversial appli-"piecing together the jigsaw puzzle of local reaction".

The schemes that arouse the most effective local opposition are the superstore applications which now virtually expect to have local communities mobilised against them, Earlier this year Tesco tried to win planning permission to build on a disused site in Clapham South but came up against a local campaign, which produced a traffic impact study to block

"We find out who the key groups are, who the key players are on the council and if branches of environmental groups such as Friends of Earth are active in the area," Ms Marshall explains.

or a sector that hardly existed a few years ago, planning lobbying - presuming it escapes the taint of its Westminster cousin - looks likely to be a growth area. "We're getting more work every year as sites get harder and harder to develop and the opposition becomes more sophisticated," she says.

Stuart Robinson, planning partner with Hillier Parker. the surveyor, has also found his clients increasingly concerned about local reactions. This comes through when end users are comparing sites. The companies we deal with are concerned as much with public image as with the value

"It's frightening but these protests will continue. We've all got to look at brownfield sites now and they've got problems. Protest has had an impact on road building. It's going to have an impact on city centre sites as well as residential development," he

Which means the unlikely alliance between the eco warriors and Middle England, forged over the roads protests, looks set to continue, this time with property in the fir-

ing on the circumstances.

know you're going to be facing it, you probably won't get involved."

crease in professional resistance is the rise of "planning lobbyists", employed by developers and local authorities to cations have the best chance of success. Jenny Marshall, of Camargue, the planning lobbyists, describes her work as

TALK RADIO

6.00em The Big Boys Breaklast 9.00 Scott Chisholm & Sally James 12.00 Let's Talk Soep 1.00pm Anna Raebum 4.00 The Sports Zone 7.90 Under the Posts 8.00 James Whale 1.00em Ian Collins the application.

VIRGIN

um Richard Allen 4.30 Phil Karnedy

BBC2, 9,30pm

This is a series whose strength lies in the fact that it

Playing for England follows the official supporters' hand to France 98 (C4, 9pm)

the more chilling is that it reflects possible police connivance in "getting even" with a campaigning liberal who has been critical of them while in

## notice. Now they seem out to disgrace her by accusing her of sexual assault on a juvenile to years ago. The cards are stacked against her when the lad, now adult, gives his evidence in court. Kavanagh (John Thaw) advises her to drop the case but she refuses. You Cannot Be Serious

A new series for Alexei Sayle which looks at some of the funniest television sketches as they relate to specific scenes. Tonight it's war with the irrepressible Alexei commenting on the likes of Dad's Army, It Ain't Half Hot Mum and 'Allo 'Allo. Not Army, it Ain't Haif Hot Mum and 'Ailo' Allo. Not all slapstick of course — there were genuinely inspirational sketches in Blackadder. The Two Ronnies and Monty Python. "War wasn't really good for very much." Sayle concludes. "But it certainly provided some cracking TV comedy." All very well, of course — until you realise that later this week another new series (Laughter in the House) begins on the BBC. About the history of the British sitcom.

Jazz Notes Radio 3, 11-30pm

Around the Word

history books.

The Word is the first international literature festival to be staged in London and Radio 4 is giving it plenty of airtime this week, which is exactly what a public service broadcaster ought to exactly what a public service broadcaster ought to be doing. Around The Word runs every morning, preceded today by a special edition of Start the Week. Around the Word features new work by a different writer each day, starting today with My Journey to Speer by Gitta Sereny, well known to readers of The Times for the serialisation of ber book about Mary Bell. Doris Lessing, Wole Soyinka, Ariel Doriman and Jan Morris are also contributing stories. Book at Beditine (10.45pm) tonish week features five festival writers, starting tonisht with Angel on the Hoof by Shirley Hughes. tonight with Angel on the Hoof by Shirley Hughes.

women to discover and settle Pitcairn Island. That was in 1790. Today the island is sparsely populated

Europe. Dr Martin Gibbs and a team of

Cutting Edge: Playing for England

### This is a series whose strength lies in the fact that it serves every taste and rarely succumbs to the dictates of fashion (or the strictures of the musical fashion police) so that tonight we get half-an-hour of unashamed joy in the shape of the first half of a gig (part two goes out tomorrow night) by George Melly and John Chilton's Feetwarmers. Chilton's happy band were literally and figuratively behind the relayingh of Melly's ranger more than 30 years. the relaunch of Melly's career more than 30 years ago and they have been playing together, in everything from pubs to concert halls, ever since.

## 6.30em Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Mark Radolite 4.00 Chrs. Moyles 5.45 Newbeet 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Lamacq Live. Feeturing Kula Shaker in concert from Wolverhampton 12.00 The Breszeblock 2.00em Emma B

RADIO 2 (BBC)

RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.00am. Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogan 9.30 Kan Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewert 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Big Band Spocia 8.30 Joole Holland 9.30 Mark Laman: Shake, Retitle and Roll (g/10) 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.00 Katrina Leskanich 3.00am Mo Dutta

#### RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

and Victoria Derbyshike 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Middey News 1.00pm Ruecoe and Co 4.00 Drive with Peter Hurter Davies, author of The Glory Game, talks about his time as a Tottenham Hotspur supporter 8.00 Teenage Fan Club. An opportunity for young football fans to voice their opinions about the programment opens 10 001 to be both 1 to a 100mm by Albert the modern game 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00em Up All Night

6.30mm Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harnel Scott 6.45 Pete and Geoff 10.00 Gary Davies

### This is jazz fit to confound people who think they don't like jazz as well as proof that Melly, though rightly regarded as a bit of a character, is also a

BEC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 This Woman Thing 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 Record News 8.20 Off the Sheff: Enduring Love 8.35 Health Matters 9.00 World News 9.05 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Britain Today 10.45 The Farming World 11.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Britain Today 10.45 The Farming World 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Pick of the World 12.00 World News 12.05pm Outlook 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Health Matters 2.30 On Screen 3.00 World News 3.05 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Health Matters 2.30 On Screen 3.00 World News 3.05 Sports Round-Up 3.15 Record News 3.30 Composer Of the Month 4.00 World News 4.15 Insight 4.30 Multitrack: Hit-List 5.00 Europe 7oday 6.30 World News 8.5 Britain Today 6.30 Warm World 7.00 World News 7.05 Health Matters 7.30 Clouded Hills 7.45 Off the Sheff Enduring Love 8.00 Newshour 9.00 World News 9.35 World Business Report 9.20 Britain Today 9.30 On Screen 10.00 World News 10.15 Sports Round-Up 10.30 Multitrack: Hit-List 11.00 World News 11.05 Outlook 11.45 Insight 12.00 The World Today 12.30 Westway 1.45 Record News 2.00 The World Today 12.30 Warm World 3.00 The World Today 13.0 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today

#### CLASSIC FM

6.00mm Nick Bailey's Easier Breat/last Favourite musical works, plus regular information updates 6.00 Herry Kety. The Hall of Fame Hour and CO of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents listeners' lavourites 2.00pm Concerts Dohnanyi (Konzenstusk for Cetto and Orchestra) 3.00 Michael Mappin. Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romance 6.30 Nevenight. John Brunning presents the latest stones 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. I we hours o sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. Sinding (Rustle of Spring). Coptand (Applachian Spring): Haydri (The Seasors, Spring). Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring): Gurney (Desire in Spring) 11.00 Mann at Night. Wind down with the sound of amblent music n Concerto, Dohnaryi (Konzertstuck for Celto and ara) (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths with the Early Breaklast Show

6,00am On Air Presented by Penny Gore
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday
10.30 Artist of the Weelc The Labeque Sisters
11.00 Sound Stories: Islands Richard Baler explores
the influence of Jave and Ball on western music
12.00 Composer of the Weelc Franz Schubert
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live from
the Wigmore Hall. Joseph Kairchstein, pano
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of
Wales under Grent Lewellyn and Tadaşid Otales
4.00 Opera in Action Robert Lloyd tales a personal
look at what being a singer actually means
4.45 Music Machine with Tommy Pearson (f)
5.00 in Tune Sean Ratienty is joined by the young
American barisone Nathan Gunn
7.30 Performance on 3: Composer Portrait —
Frederick Deflue (Sounding the Century) Lisa

Mine, soprano, Ashley Holland, bantone, BBC Symphony Onchestra under Sir Andrew Davis Delius (Dance Rhapsody No 1); Delius (Prelude and Idyll: Once I passed through a populous city for soprano, bartione and orchestra) 8.25 Delius (Four Old English Lyrics for voice and piano). Delius (North Country Steriches for orchestra) 5 Postseript: The Body Politic Iwan Russell-Jones looks at altitudes to the body in our culture (1/5) of Tehalilovisity (Three Bisces, Op 8) Villions

9.40 Tchafkovsky (Three Pieces, Op 9) Viktona Postnikova, piano 10.00 Volces Sarah Walker talks to lain Burnside 10.45 Mitding It with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall 11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton presents the first of a bwo-part concert by George Melly . See Choice 12.00 Composer of the Weelc Richard Strauss (/) 1.00am Through the Night

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith
6.00 Today with James Naughtie
9.00 Start the Weelc Radio 4 at The Word
9.45 (FM) Serist. Around The Word See Choice
9.45 (LW) Daily Service
10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Kearney and guests
11.00 Turning Into Children Last in series (6/6)
11.30 King of Bath Comedy by Amold Evans (5/6)
12.00 (LW) News Headtines; Shipping Forecast
12.00 (FM) News 12.04pm You and Yours
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.30 Counterpoint Final of the music quiz
2.00 The Archers Yesterday's edition (f)
2.15 Afternoon Play: Sunday Morning et the Centre
of the World Lous de Betnieres's tale
3.00 Money Box Live: 0870 010 0444
2.30 The New Recruit (1/5) (f)

3.45 This Sceptred Isle Part 56 (r)
4.00 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper (r)
4.30 Turning World with Jenni Murray and guests
5.00 PM Presented by Chris Lowe and Clare English
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Just a Minute
7.00 The Archers 7.15 Front Row
7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Broadcast earlier (r)
8.00 Men in Black (2/3)
8.30 Analysis with Bidget Rosewell
9.00 Nature Nick Baker celebrates the arrival of spring
9.30 Start the Week: Radio 4 at The Word (r)
10.00 The World Tonlight
10.45 Book at Bedtlime: Radio 4 at The Word —
Angel on the Roof See Choice
11.00 Late Night on 4: Muse of Fusion
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Political news
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book (r)
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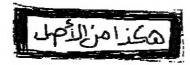
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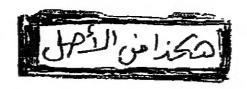
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# Comedy, community and that man Clary

woman's comedy is like a fish riding on a bicycle," A woman's comedy is like a fish riding on a bicycle," as Dr Johnson might have said. "It is not done well, but you are surprised to find it done at. all." And if he had said it, he would

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THE DESCRIPTION

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have been jolly well wrong. It was surprising that so much of the pre-broadcast discussion of Smack the Pony (Channel 4, Friday) celebrated the arrival (at last) of a bunch of funny women doing really funny women's material, without too much help from the guys. Have Victoria Wood and her ensemble. French and Saunders, Ab Fab, Mrs Merton and the contributions of the likes of Kathy Burke, Arabella Weir or Rehecca Front to male-dominated shows all passed unnoticed? The title sequence did include an allusion to that old feminist saying "a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle". But it was an animation of a fish riding a bicycle which suggests that fish

actually do have a use for bicycles, and thus undermines the point of the proverb. I have no idea if this was deliberate or not, but Smack the Pony is hardly a ferminist diatribe. Nor is it strikingly original in its ribbing of female foibles and preoccupations (see the list above for precursors):

The style is tantalisingly oblique, and underplayed Most of the items were not so much sketches as fragments without build-up or punch-lines. It is the spare, minimalist style which evolved out of the fragmentary Fast Show via the subtler muances of Big Train

Smack the Pony is not remark-able for being female, its range of material is not that original, and its style, though new, is not pio-neering. None of which matters two hoots, because the show is very clever, often surprising and extremely funny.

Some of it is just plain silly, in

the puerile sort of way beloved of young Ninetics women. A belching female dentist (should that be "dentiste" and her also belching assistant, for heaven's sake. I particularly liked the serious swimmer, doing her demanding poolside warm-up exercises before belly-flopping off the starting bock and launching into an inept doggy-paddle. A lot of it was about female competition

wo factory workers on teabreak up the stakes while singing along to Nilsson's Without You until both are in full operatic flood. Two girls in a club loo apply ever-wider bands of lipstick until they both resemble Coco the Clown and leave looking quietly pleased with themselves. But there were no real themes or social messages. This was just a bunch of stuff the three performers happened to find

and disguised aggression.

REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

furny. And mostly they were right. BBC2's Saturday night schedule was dominated by heavyweight documentaries about Third World issues, Western interference in developing countries and racist politics in Europe. (Brian Barron on the crisis in the Kenyan Wildlife Service for Correspondent, Cold War on US interventions in Latin America and two programmes in the Fear and Loathing series on

racism.) So what was that sassy chick from the Boddington's adverts doing presenting a programme about Southall, London's biggest and most thriving Asian suburb? In the event, the Big Breakfast reporter and former model (most famous for telling Tarquil he had his "trolleys" on wrong way round) proved to be a rather effective choice. Melanie Sykes herself is one quarter Indian, in that her mother was an Anglo-Indian from Rajasthan. This was enough to get her called "Paki" at school and to

implant a vague sense of affinity with Asian life. Going to Southall was a mots thing, a pilgrimage to discover a lost heritage, about which she knew surprisingly little. To her the bustling suburb was, lit-erally and metaphorically, "Indian Terri-tory". She took us from Ramadan into Eid with the Chaudhrys, early Muslim arrivals who started the first Indian restaurant on the

Broadway, and now run a small chain. We learnt about the early struggles, sweated labour and battles with the National Front, went shopping for clothes and jewellery, visited clubs, super-markets and factories and went cruising with the lads.

The difficult issues were touched on and left. A pre-existing white community, however monochrome and dull, upped sticks and left. An elderly white resident recalled how 14 families had left her road in quick succession. We met teenage Asian girls deciving their parents in their quest for a good time, and learnt, briefly, that domestic violence has been a persistent problem. There is a worrying growth in fundamentalist gangs from the three main religious groups, which could lead to inter-ethnic strife. Sykes did not ask about the position of Anglo-

isolated and despised on the subcontinent. But then the rest of the schedule was packed with such hand-wringing, so this upbeat, sympathetic portrait of community life made a refreshing change.

Following the rocketing success of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? ITV has hit us with a newly revived game show called "Who Wants A Weekend in Brussels?" Sorry, that's wrong. It's actually called Mr and Mrs With Julian Clary (ITV, Friday). But contest-ants can win up to £600 ("Ooh!" go the audience), a Julian Clary toilet seat ("Oooooh!") or a weekend in Europe ("Uuurh?"). The first couple failed to get to Florence, but didn't seem to mind. In fact, I suspected they had never heard of the place. The second couple missed out on Brussels, but they didn't look bothered either. Clary poked them with spiky double entendres, but even he looked bored.

BBC1

6.00am Business Bresidast (78938) 7.00 BBC Bresidast News (1) (14667) 9.00 Kilroy (1) (2326551) 9.45 Styte Challenge (8345416) 10.10 The Vanessa Show (1) (7217990) 10.55 News; Weather (1) (3877377) 11.00 Change That (3887754) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (3784613) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (7735551) 12.00 Call My Bluff (85006)

12.30pm Wipcout (4318209) 12.55 The Weather Show (7) (53452209) 1.00 One O'Clock News (1) (17754) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (59201984) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (35341342)

22.05 ironside (/) (5635087) 2.55 Through the Keyhole (/) (T) (6265862) "2.55 Phrotogn the Reynols (7) (1) (626582)
3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6106984)
3.45 Pocket Dragon (5826735) 3.55
Bodger and Badger (9556867) 4.10
Anthony Ani (6791261) 4.20 The Littlest
Pet Shop (6544483) 4.35 Misery Guis
(3855087) 5.00 Newsround (4447613)
8.10 Blue Peter (0134770) 5.10 Blue Peter (9134700)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (811822) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (1) (241) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (551)



The triple jumper Jonathan Edwards joins the sports quiz (7pm)

7.00 A Question of Sport Jonathan Edwards, Will Carling; David Batty and Mark Ramprakash join Ally McCoist and John Parrott (T) (1648).
7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck Alice Beer assesses a new herbal cellulite pill which

has proved popular in Australia (1) (735) 8.00 EastEnders (I) (2416) 8.30 Mrs Merton and Malcolm Silcom with Caroline Aheme (5/6) (T) (9803)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (T) (7667) 9.30 Jailhards New Immate Melassa visits the prison chaptain (T) (93236)

10.00 Panorama A report examining allegations that American sples used United Nations cover in an operation to larget Saddem Hussein (1) (739174) 10.40 Animal Police A distressed duck is

rescued (1) (856464).
11.10 Harbour Lights A leisure development is threatened by pollution (t) (T) (776990) 12.00 The Cover Girl Murders (1993) Six fashion models are stalled by a killer. Mystery thriller, starring Lee Majors and Jerniter O'Nelli. Directed by James

A. Contner (T) (9574656) 25am Weather (1862965). 30 BBC News 24 (8410323)

10.00 Labour of Love (6/6) (T) (86735) 10.30 Panorama (T) (531754) 11.10 Animal Police (T) (271990) 11.40 Harbour Lights (T) (T) (662483) 12.30am FH.M: The Cover Girl Musders (T) (9597166) 1.55 News (T) (1005897) 2.00-6.00 BBC News 24 (3418255)

7,00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show:
Pingu 7.05 Telefubbies 7.30 Inch High
Private Eye 7.55 Bius Peter 8.20
Taz-Mania 8.40 Polis Dot Shorts 8.50
Juniper Jungle 9.00 Space Ark 9.10
Short Circuit 9.30 Writing and Pictures
9.45 Storytime 10.00 Telefubbies 10.30
Words and Pictures 10.45 Watch 11.00
Look and Read 11.20 Zig Zag 11.40
Landmarks 12.00 Job Bank 12.10pm
History File 12.30 Working Lunch 1.00
Juniper Jungle 1.10 The Edge
1.40 Hart-Davis on History The model
village of Port Sunight (35435735)
2.10 Sporting Greats (56122984)

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3.25 News; Weather (T) (4496700) 3.30 The Village (r) (9216532) 3.55 Kaye Advice show (9224551)

4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6910396) 4.55 Eather (T) (5995377) 5.30 Whose House? (700) 6.00 Hit, Miss or Maybe Zoe Ball and guests review three pop videos (r) (T) (395822)

6.15 The Simpsons (r) (T) (929416) 6.35 The Ren and Stimpy Show Double-bill of surreal antics (r) (T) (785934) 7.00 Internal Attains The work of sea fisheries

7.30 Rough Guide to the World Edith Bowman and Dimitri Doganis visit the Spanish city of Barcelona (1) (377) 8.00 Disaster Reconstruction of a Japanese Boeing 747 crash which resulted in 520

deaths (1) (8938) 8.30 Food and Drink Gary Rhodes cooks halibut in a gravatax sauce (1) (7445) 9.00 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring puts together a platoon of Local Defence Volunteers (r) (T) (5209)



Alexei Sayle looks at life reflected through comedy (9.30pm)

9.30 You Cannot Be Serious Alexel Sayle presents a new series featuring comedy sketches from the archives on a variety of themes. tonight fecusing on war (T) (93218) 10.00 If I Ruled the World (84377)

10.30 Newsnight (1) (818700) 11.18 Video Nation Shorts (1) (769236) 11,20 Tribe Young people on the breadline in

11.55 Weather (75/700) 12.00 Despatch Box (73507)

12.30em BBC Learning Zone: Open University: The Lyonneis — A Changing Economy 1.30 The Palazzo Pubblico, ran 4 s.w business and Training: Skills for Work 5.45 Open University: Christopher Plantin, Polyglot Printer of Antwerp 6.10 Scotland in the Enlightenment 6.35 Berthe Morisot

9.25 Trisha (T) (8721938) 10.30 This Morning (1) (44336532) 12.15pm HTV News (1) (4824174) 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News (1) (4903377) 12.55 Shortismid Street Guy and Carmen are

1.55 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous American talk show (T) (2537218) 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (T) (9731046) 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (4495071) 3.15 HTV News (T) (4494342)

3.20 CITV: Mopatop's Shop (4588735) 3.30
Kipper (9548648) 3.40 The Adventures of
Captain Pugwash (9455984) 3.55 Oggy
and the Cockroaches (5817087) 4.05
You'll Never Believe it (6903006) 4.30
Pollegguests (174)

5.30 WEST: Garden Calendar Sue King asks Alan and Felicity Down for green-fingered advice (1) (754)

7.30 Coronation Street Rita gives Sharon a birthday present to remember (T) (803) 8.00 Motorway Life Compilation of memor-

8.30 Cop Shop Documentary based in a Hampshire police station (3/8) (T) (1071)



Blackpool are given the chance to become waiters (1) (553006) 11.45 Bitestze Britain (1) (218716)

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HTV WEST 5.30am (TV Morning News (81990) 6.00 GMTV (5599209)

reunited (9730087) 1.30 Home and Away Joel's tuture looks uncertain (1) (35443754)

5.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (9280)

5.30 WALES: House to House The makeover team visit Penerth (T) (754) 5.58 HTV Weather (682006)

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6.00 HTV News (1) (687)
6.26 HTV Cranestoppers (975880)
6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (1) (919)
7.00 Wish You Were Here? Ghana, Cape Town, Cyprus and the Yorkshire Dales are four resorts which have won awards for encouraging environmentally triendly tourism (1) (6716)
7.30 Coronation, Street Rits olves Sharon a

able moments from past episodes as a curtain-raiser to a new series (T) (5484)

9.00 ESPICE Kevenagh QC A high-flying female politician is charged with seducing a juvenile (3/4) (T) (3464)



Noddy Holder stars as the school

10.30 The Grimleys Neville acts as DJ at the school disco (T) (80551)

11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (488984) 11.20 HTV News and Weather (T) (433803) 11.30 Fitz A teenage girl's murder draws Fitz into a twisted secret society (T) (38445) 12.30am Football Extra Football League highlights (81472)

1.30 World Football (r) (73912)

2.00 Marooned (1969) The head of a government agency attempts to mount a rescue mission to save three astronauts stranded in outer space. Sci-fi thriller, appropriate Green Park Director thriller, starring Gregory Peck, Directed by John Sturges (43660588) 4.15 Box Office America Top 10 US movie

releases (41233217) 4.40 TTV Nightscreen (59044323) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (68236) CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.20-12.30pm Central News; 12.55 Home and Away (4311396) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4976990)

2.10-2.40 High Road (56222938) 3.15-3.20 Central News: Weather (4494342) 5.30 Shortland Street (754) 6.00-6.30 Central News at Sb; Weather

11.20-11.30 Central News; Weather (433803) 4.10am Central Jobfinder '99 (6668217) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (3046526)

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6.30 Hollyoaks Tony and Jas try to patch up their problems (T) (261) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (200984) 7.50 Farmed Out A visit to a border collie sanctuary to find out why farmers are giving up so many of their trusty sheepdogs (1) (902716)



Fletcher Christian's great grandson Tom retells the famous tale (8pm)

8.00 CEDICE To the Ends of the Earth mysterious death of the Bounty mutineer Retcher Christian (T) (1377)

9.00 CHRICE Cutting Edge: Playing for England The story of England's first official World Cup brass band (T) (8613) 10.00 The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill, But Came Down a Mountain (1995) Welsh villagers decide to scupper the

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12.20em Suddenly (1954) Frank Sinatra plays
an assassin who takes over a suburban
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President. Thriller, with Sterling Hayden.
Directed by Lewis Alten (8510615) 1.40 Dispatches (/) (T) (2640897)

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4.00 Schools: Middle English (8583323) 5.20 Geographical Eye (7827878)

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6.90am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport 7.00 WideWorld Part two. The history of Hardwick Hall (r) (T) (8763687)

7.30 Milkshake! (2288193) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r); 5 News Update (4267822)

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9.00 Was it Good for You? (r) (3513223) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (r) (4049464)

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12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (2483532) 12.30pm Family Affairs Declan makes a deadly error (r) (1); 5 News Update (1861754)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Grant gets the keys to the family cabin (1) (8762938) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment show, presented by the outspoken cornectian; 5 News Update (1860025) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (9749754)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Murts, Eric Knowles with Selling the Family Silver and word game Cryptogram, 5 News Update (1274342)

3.30 A Time to Triumph (TVM 1985) Drama, staming Pathy Duke as a resourceful woman who becomes a military helicopter pilot to support her alling husband. With Joseph Bologna. Directed by Noel Black (T) (2899939)

5.20 5 News (97141993) 5.30 100 Per Cent The computer-generated

quiz show (2086822) 6.00 5 News; Westher Kirsty Young rounds up the day's stories (T) (2083735) 6.30 Family Affairs Dave is in an apologetic mood (T); 5 News Update (8902209)

7.05 Baby's Day Out (1994) A baby loose on the streets of New York causes chaos with his adventurous antics while being pursued by a trio of hapless kidnappers. Cornedy from the makers of Home Alone staming Joe Mantegna, Lara Flynn Boyle, Joe Pantoliano and Brian Haley. Directed by Patrick Read Johnson (T): 5 News

9.00 Breach of Paith: Family of Cops il (1996) The crime-busing clan return to investigate the murder of a crest by nvestigate the murder of a priest by mobsters - but underestimate the rinosens — but operaturate the danger the case will put them in. Drama sequel, starring Charles Bronson, Angela Featherstone, Barbara Williams and Kim Weeks. Directed by David Greene (1); 5 News Update (81848209)

10.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update Pop hits (8912071) 10.55 Y Humans and aliens line up for the final

showdown (5/5) (r) (25969716) 12.30am Live and Dangerous Action from the Winter X Games (72776439)

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### Rival suitors await Gucci decision

By Fraser Nelson

THE board of Gucci was lest night locked in talks to choose between a \$5 billion (£3 b'llion) takeover bid from Ber-nard Arnault, chairman of LVMH, or a \$3 billion cash inection from François Pinault, his arch-rival.

Domenico De Sole, chief ex-ecutive of Gucci, called a full board meeting in Amsterdam at lunchtime yesterday. The meeting went on into the

The company has provision-ally agreed to M Pinault's deal, which would involve the creation of enough new Gucci shares to give the French bil-lionaire a 40 per cent stake.

M Arnault has said that he will launch an \$85-a-share bid only if Gucci rejects the Pinault deal immediately.

Signor De Sole is understood to be arguing that Gucci should reject M Arnault's offer. He is trained to presented. fer. He is trying to persuade his fellow board members that Gucci would lose its creative freedom as part of LVMH's vast luxury goods stable -which includes Kenzo, Chris-

This would force M Arnault into making an unconditional hostile bid. At present, LVMH has made a written proposal, but this stops well short of a takeover offer.

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If LVMH were to make the bid hostile, M Pinault would be free to counter with his own offer for the whole company. Although the \$85-a-share of-

fer values Gucci at more than double its level in October last year, observers believe that M Arnault will pay over the odds to stop M Pinault starting a rival fashion empire. M Pinault, whose PPR retail

empire is capitalised at about the same level as LVMH. has spent £616 million buying Sanofi's perfume empire — which includes Yves Saint Laurent brands.

PPR would give this, at cost price, to Gucci as a "wedding present" to help it to start a rival LVMH.



Riding high: Carl Fogarty, standing, with team-mate Troy Corser, is reigning Superbike champion. Ducati will hope for similar success when the company floats

## Ducati clocks up \$497m tag\* for flotation

DUCATL the Italian motorbike manufactures DUCATI, the Italian motorbike manufacturer rescued from near-collapse three years ago, has been given a \$497 million (£303 million) price tag for its forthcoming flotation on the New York Stock Exchange (Fraser Nelson writes). Investors led by David Borderman, the American financier who recently took a stake in GPA, the aviation group, will make a £68 million profit from the flotation — only two and a half years after bailing out the company. They will receive £140 million in cash and retain £103 million shares in Ducati. They took control with £72 million of equity in 1996. The flotation will be another milestone in the chequered history of Ducati, which started life as a family engineering company 72 years ago.

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The success of its motorbikes was followed by a sharp financial decline and the company was sold by the Italian Government to Claudio and Gianfranco Castiglioni for about £3 million in 1983. The brothers invested heavily but this left the company almost bankrupt in 1996. The flotation will raise £33 million for the company, which will be used to repay debt.

Carl Fogarty, the British motorcyclist and reigning Superbike champion, is signed to Ducati.

## British firms face tax threat in US

By Jason Nissé

A RADICAL US tax proposal that could come into force as early as next month could cost British companies hundreds of million of dollars of extra taxes and leave them open to punitive fines.

The move is an attempt by the Clinton Administration to clamp down on corporate tax shelters in a move it says would raise the US Government \$7.2 billion (£4.3 billion) over five years.

The proposals could also hit British-based lawyers, ac-countants and investment bankers who help to set up tax-efficient structures for European companies that own

It is potentially as large a

threat to the City as the pro-posed European Union withholding tax, which has been the subject of fierce lobbying from the City over the past few weeks. The City is concerned that

the withholding tax could damage the £2,000 billion a year eurobond market. However, it is understood that the Treasury is working on a compro-mise with the European Commission that would remove eurobonds from the scope of the

withholding tax.

The new US proposals were briefly mentioned in the Federal Budget, which was announced by Bill Clinton last month. However it will be formally brought into force when of Representatives Ways and Means Committee or the Senate Finance Committee. This

The proposals will not be de-

process means they will be brought into force from the date they are marked up.
The complex proposals es-

structure designed to minimise
US taxes. These include the setting-up of non-resident middle
companies to take advantage
of double-taxation treaties — The Netherlands is a favoured location for British companies buying US businesses — the setting-up of joint ventures, cer-tain forms of transfer pricing within a company and the liqui-dation of US holding compa-nies to avoid a tax bill.

The law would allow the US Government not only to outrate tax shelters" or "tax avoidance transactions" but also would allow it to charge a 25 ceived by a financial adviser

tion proposals. The hardest hit by this excise tax could be accountancy firms. All the top five accountants heavily market tax minimisation plans to be used by UK companies buysentially outlaw any corporate

ing in the US.
The move could cause wide-"The move could cause wide-spread uncertainty in the tax-planning community," said Stephen Fiamma, a London-based partner of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, the US law firm, Mr Fiamma believes that the proposals may face strong opposition in the US, but that the Democrats may see hitting big business, and especially foreign business, as a vote winner.

The UK is the largest foreign investor in the US and

LINKS

## Byers may agree to lift Rover aid

By ADAM JONES

STEPHEN BYERS, the Trade and Industry Secretary, may be willing to increase the £118 million aid package offered to BMW to secure the future of Longbridge, the Rover car plant im Birmingham.

The original offer was made before a BMW board meeting last week and, though it has not yet been rejected, it is understood to fall well short of what the Bayarian carmaker

what the Bavarian carmaker had requested.

A Department of Trade and Industry spokeswoman yesterday said that it was up to BMW to make the next move: We are just waiting for BMW to approach us. They haven't formally said no to the offer."

BMW had been looking for more than £180 million in grant aid to help to fund development and production of a new range of cars to replace the Rover 200 and 400 models. The new cars would be built at

STEPHEN BYERS, the Trade and Industry Secretary, may be willing to increase the £118 Longbridge, Britain's largest car plant, securing 50,000 jobs in the region. In return, BMW was offering to invest about £1.7 billion at Longbridge, tear-ing down the old factory and building a new one. There were suggestions at the weekend that the DTI had

wanted to offer more than £118 million but was restrained by the Treasury, either through a reluctance to spend that much on subsidy or a desire to create a tougher bargaining position. The DTI spokeswoman said

yesterday: "I am not aware of any row with the Treasury or that the Treasury has stopped us from doing anything. Manfred Schoch, the vice-

chairman of BMW's supervisory board, said the board bad been ready to approve the Longbridge investment on Thursday, if the grant offer had been near £200 million.

ion negotiator in the car industry, gave warning that the plant could be closed simply because of a misunderstanding in the high-pressure talks.
The aid on offer is thought

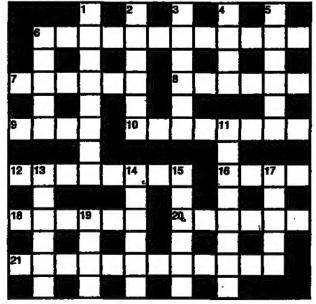
to be available only through phased payments. The Government has said that productivity and training improve-ments must be made at Rover. BMW has threatened to

take the work to Hungary, to benefit from cheaper labour. There has even been talk in Germany of the new models being built in the US using ex-cess capacity at BMW's plant in Spartanburg, South Caroli-na. This is unlikely given that the new models would be pri-

marily for European markets. BMW says Rover lost £645 million in 1998 because of the strong pound and provisions for 2,500 job cuts. This has led had been near E200 million.

Tony Woodley, a veteran un
to Rover being dubbed. "The English Patient" in Germany.

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## It's Hardern ... on to Hoddle . . .

By Fraser Nelson

MICHAEL HARDERN, the self-proclaimed king of Britwide and Britannia building societies - and has asked Glenn Hoddle to take his place. Mr Hardern believes the

former England football coach will stand in as a candidate for Nationwide's board because it played such an active role in his downfall after Mr Hoddle ran into trouble when he made and reincarnation. Mr Hardern told The Times

yesterday: "The Nationwide did Hoddle in. They spent £15 million on sponsoring the England team without asking their members, and then they made sure he lost his job."
He intends to contact Mr Hoddle through Eileen Drewery, the faith healer he met at

a book signing last month. His decision to retire comes amid allegations that he was caught rifling through the Prince of Wales's private letters when serving as a butler. This is only one of many blows to Mr Hardern's campaign. Last year he was photo-

By Fraser Nelson

MARKS & SPENCER may

sell part of its £4.5 billion shop

portfolio in a radical change of

strategy that could provide a

Peter Salsbury, chief executive, is considering selling the

largest of its 290 stores and

leasing them back at an

agreed long-term rent. M&S

El billion cash injection.



Hoddle: possible substitute

graphed in a Britannia branch wearing a sarong. He said: "I think I've been getting up the noses of the Carpetbaggers' Association. I think they doubt my credibility."

The Britannia has already printed 1.2 million board nom-ination forms with Mr Hardem's name on them.

Mr Hardern said: "I have no chance at the Britannia: if I get elected they will chuck me out the next day. I'm now going to start a political career in Europe, setting up a Holy Roman Empire to replace the European Commission."

M&S to sell stores

of many options being exam-

company to be looking at. But nothing has been decided yet, and nothing will be decided

until the strategic review is

M&S has the option of re-

complete.

ined in its strategic review. The company said: "Sale and leaseback is quite a straightforward issue for any

### Refco pair get Liffe life bans

By JASON NISSE

TWO former traders with Refco Overseas, one of the largest brokers on Liffe, are to be given life bans and the firm's former head of trading is to be given a year's ban in one of the biggest scandals to hit the futures and options market. In total, five former Refco

traders are to receive punishments from Liffe. The USowned broker is also appeal-ing against a fine imposed by Liffe, believed to be in the region of £1.2 million, over the candal in which the traders allegedly bought futures and options contracts ahead of placing large deals for clients, a practice called front running. The two traders receiving life bans are Malcolm Duke and Nick English. Paul Hunt, who resigned earlier this month as head of trading at Refco, receives a year's ban.

Two other traders, Mark Wilkinson - who also left Refco earlier this month - and Greg Bryce, have been handed fines. The broker is now undergoing a shake-out after hiring

est stores, which could be

worth about £200 million be-

Traditionally. M&S has built and owned its own shops while its rivals usually rent from a landlord. It now has about £3.5 billion tied up in

land and buildings and about

El billion in fixtures, fittings

and work in progress.

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David Campbell from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell as its new managing director. Diary, page 20

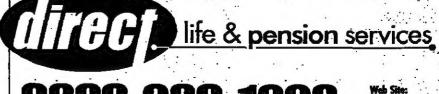
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